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THE EDITOR SAYS—

Some way or other Christmas brings a tenderness to the ordinary person that no other season brings. For one we confess to have passed the 69th mile post of life and since we could remember there has never been a time that Santa Claus did not remember us. As long as our Mother lived, she saw that Santa did not forget us and since her passing, our own children have attended to the wonderful custom. These things brings people closer to one another and make life worth living. May the custom never die.

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Of all the actors concerned in the Hunter tragedy, those to be most pitied are the helpless widow, who cried aloud to be left alone, and the innocent children of the dead man. They are truly the shorn lambs of adversity, the greatest sufferers, the blameless victims of circumstance, held powerless in its fatal web. At times life presents itself in such confused discrodant and exasperating forms, and the undertone of mourning and despair are so deep and dreadful as to impress us with the thought that even if there is no God we sorely need one to minister to sick souls and bind up wounds which are beyond the reach of the physician's skill and care.—Commercial Appeal.

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Beatrice Fairfax, whoever she is, says you're more likely to find THE girl for a farm wife in the field instead of the dance hall, and she told the truth. However, the way conditions are, it will be a hard matter to keep her in the field or on the farm after you get her.

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We have known people who were smart but lacked common sense. Sometimes we think too much education has ruined many a man. They have too much education to work and can't make a living without it.

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This paragraph is not aimed to be personal, but general. House and store rents are too high at this time while other things are at a low ebb. We are aware of the fact that the price may not be too high to realize a fair profit on the investment, but salaries and wages have been trimmed in some lines very close in order to divide with all the force, and landlords should consider this end of the problem. Foodstuffs and wearing apparel have come down and rents should follow suit, then taxes, insurance and light rates. This is in order that we may all live in fair comfort.

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Fletcher Henstep, who always a big hand to brag on what he has, now boasts he owns a razor-back pig that can root up 20 bushels of potatoes to the acre.—Commercial Appeal.

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It was very sweet of our daughter, Catherine, to send us from Washington as a Christmas gift, a book on modern Dahlia culture, illustrated, that we value very much. Interested friends are welcome to peruse it any time as it can be found in our library at home.

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Washington Hocks says how so many of us get fooled is not being able to tell a friend from an acquaintance.—Commercial Appeal.

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FIRE DESTROYS FARM HOME OF B. B. FORREST

The dwelling occupied by B. B. Forrest and family on the Ward farm one-half mile from Matthews, was destroyed by an early Sunday morning fire, originating from a defective flue. The blaze had gained such headway when discovered by Mr. Forrest, that it was impossible to save more than a few personal effects and clothing. Neighbors organized a bucket brigade and saved a nearby smoke house and barn.

DEATH CLAIMS CHILD AND MOTHER IN 2 DAYS

New Madrid, December 21.—Two deaths in his family within two days was the sad experience of Henry Stevens of this city. A two-day old son died Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and Monday death claimed the mother. Mrs. Stevens was the mother of five children, four of whom and the father survive. She was born in Kentucky, but had lived here with the family for several years.

Burial was in New Madrid cemetery.

Sam Brady will join his wife and baby for the Christmas holidays.

Poke Ezley has been appointed to take up collection at the Hog Fork church. They selected him because he has a patch on his pants, and for that reason ought to get more, as he walks up and down the aisle.—Commercial Appeal.

Let us be happy!

THIS has been a hard year for all of us—a year of many disappointments and discouragements.

But now Christmas is almost here.

Happiness is in the air.

Let us focus our eyes on that guiding star which led the Wise Men to a poor abode, and in the warmth of its glow rekindle in ourselves the genial flame of charity. Let us crowd out of our hearts all fear, all foolish foreboding of disasters that may (but probably will not) come to us and those we love.

Let us, for the day at least, forget the things that worry us. In their places let us substitute thoughts of the many things for which we may be thankful. Let us forgive our enemies and lean more heavily upon the staff of friendship. Thus each of us will become a center of happiness and able to spread that cheer which is at the heart of Christmas observance.

Let us be happy!

It is in this spirit that we send you this greeting for a Merry Christmas and the wish that all of us may carry much of the spirit and blessings of the day into every other day of the year. Thus shall we draw nearer to the fulfillment of the ideal typified by Christmas.

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Shoots Self After Wounding Father; Mistaken Identity

Everett Moore, World War veteran of near Hornersville, is recovering from a wound inflicted by himself when he found that he had shot his father, M. L. Moore, thinking he was a burglar in their home early Saturday morning. The elder Mr. Moore suffered a cheek wound. The son then turned the gun on himself when he learned what he had done. The bullet passed through his skull above the left eye. He was brought to the Veterans Hospital, St. Louis, where his recovery is expected.

The son who fired the shot is a veteran who has been out of the army only a year and a half or two years, after serving some five or six enlistments, and since the death of his mother, has made his home with his father. Only a few weeks ago they moved Mr. Moore's stock of goods from Kennett to Treasure Island, east of old Cotton Plant, where the father has been operating a small store on the land which is being farmed by another son, C. H. Moore, also a former resident of Kennett.

The father and son, Everett, made their home in the rear of the small store building, their living quarters being curtained off from the main room of the store.

About 5 o'cock Saturday morning, the father got up to build up the fire which he kept burning in the store, and was sitting in a chair in front of the stove, when, without any warning whatsoever, the son fired one shot at the father. The steel-jacketed bullet passed through the left side of his upper lip, and passed under and thru the nose and out through the right cheek.

After shooting the father, the son put the pistol up to his forehead and fired one shot, which entered about the temple and came out the top of his skull, evidently following the curvature of the cranium, and missing the brain.

The father, after he was shot, rushed from the house and ran to the home of his other son, C. H. Moore, where he exhibited his wounds and said that Everett Moore had killed himself.

After caring for his father, C. H. Moore went to the store building, where he was surprised to see Everett Moore washing the blood from his wound, and attempting to dress it.

MAN KILLED, ANOTHER HURT WHEN AUTO HITS

Hayti, December 20.—M. W. Rhodes, 45 years old, former employe of the Frisco Railroad, was killed, and Richard Odel, 40, an employe of the Hayti saw mill, was seriously injured yesterday when they were struck by an automobile driven by Charles Jenkins, Pemiscot County Assessor.

Rhodes and Odel were walking along Highway 84 and were struck officers were told, when Jenkins attempted to pass a truck. Jenkins was released without bond.

SANTA CLAUS ANSWERS LETTER OF LITTLE GIRL BY BRINGING BABY BOY

Last week the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Keller wrote Santa Claus, asking that this patron saint of children provide her with a baby brother for Christmas. Santa evidently read the letter. Her brother was born in Southeast Missouri Hospital, Cape Girardeau last Tuesday.

Mrs. S. E. Swanagon of this city is the mother of Mrs. Keller.

14 IN CHAIN GANG BOUND FOR PRISON

Fourteen prisoners, including four white men, one negro woman, and nine negro men stopped briefly Thursday morning at Phillips 66 Intersection Station enroute to Jefferson City to begin prison terms. The Dunklin County sheriff and a deputy were in charge of the group.

2 Men Hold Up Oil Station In Morehouse and Abduct Owner

Special to The Standard.

Morehouse, December 20.—Two men driving a Chrysler sedan, bearing Illinois license plates, held up the Standard filling station, located on Highway 60, just back of the Forrest Hotel here, abducted the station manager, Doc Reeves, and escaped with $20.60 and six gallons of gas which they failed to pay for.

Reeves was preparing to close the station for the night when the car drove in from the east on Highway 60. The occupants asked for six gallons of gasoline. Having received the gas, one of the men tendered a bill, and as Mr. Reeves turned to enter the station for change, the men produced a gun and ordered him to "stick 'em up". After robbing the safe, the men bound Reeves, blindfolded him and drove about one and one-half miles west of Morehouse into Stoddard County, turned off the car lights, released Reeves, and drove away still without lights.

Officers at Poplar Bluff were notified at once, but it is thought the men turned off on a side road.

One of the men was described as weighing about 190 pounds, and wearing high-top boots, leather coat and a dark overcoat. The other weighed about 135, was dark complected, and wore dark clothes. Both men seemed to be about 35 years old.

WELL DRILLING STOPPED UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS

With a test hole sunk to a depth of 200 feet, drilling of the new municipal well was stopped during the present cold weather. Work will be resumed after Christmas, according to Lon Swanner, commissioner of the water department.

Mrs. J. R. Elkins, who has been ill for some time, is able to be up a little each day now.

Charges Against Ruby Pearl Crumby Dropped Wednesday Was Sweetheart of Killer

Ruby Pearl Crumby deserted here by her former lover, Lewellyn J. Hunter, who shot it out with the law and escaped after murdering one man and wounding another in a garage gun battle December 13, was released from prison Wednesday night, according to Sheriff Tom Scott, who accompanied the woman, her brother, Sgt. Detective E. M. Crumby and the latter's attorney, Julian Cohen here on their way to Memphis.

The murder charge against Hunter, in which his former sweetheart was held as an accomplice, was automatically dismissed by shotgun slugs fired by Sgt. Crumby last Monday morning. A letter from Chief Gerk, St. Louis, presented to the sheriff by Attorney Cohen, dismissed any possible charges arising from the theft of the automobile in which Miss Crumby and Hunter rode to Sikeston. "We found no grounds for filing charges against Miss Crumby", read the letter in part from the St. Louis chief of police.

The woman was held since December 13, when Hunter decided to shoot his way out, after his arrest here by Trooper H. G. Brooks and Gid Daniels, night marshal, on a telephone request from Howard J. Turnbull, another State highway trooper stationed at Fredericktown. The couple was involved in an automobile-truck accident near that city, left the scene of the wreck, and fled to Sikeston.

After a day of questioning, officers finally learned the name of her brother, Detective Jack Crumby of Memphis, who began a relentless pursuit which ended in the death of the killer in another gun battle Monday morning near Jackson, Tenn.

The action of Scott County officers seems to please those vitally interested. Gid Danies when interviewed, expressed the opinion that Miss Crumby possibly saved the life of her lover by warning him not return to the front part of the garage after shooting the night marshal and Cnnnie Reed, but her action unquestionably also saved the life of Daniels, who was at a decided disadvantage to cope with Hunter.

The main score was evened, however, in the death of Hunter, and story-book like, it fell the lot of Miss Crumby's brother to even the score.

Lions Christmas Treat For Poor Children To Bring Joy to Thousand

It is bad enough to be poor and to find that Old Santa has skipped on through the city and countryside without stopping over for a very welcome visit, but it is much worse to be expecting Santa and later find out that he ran out of good things to eat, and toys with which to play just before reaching our home.

Well, this year, the Lions Club Santa Claus is not expected to "run out" of candy, oranges, toys and what-not. A Standard representative had a "look see" this week, and after checking up on the loads of supplies, reached the conclusion that there certainly would be plenty of everything to go around.

For instance, the storeroom contained in round numbers, one thousand one hundred half pound bags of candy. Into each one, Santa had stuffed an orange or two. That should provide sufficient sweets for two or three hundred tummy aches, and perhaps a toothache or two.

In another department, toys, toys, and more toys were stacked. There were dolls, big dolls, little dolls, rubber and celluloid dolls, sleeping dolls, and dress-up dolls—about 400 or 500 assorted dolls to make 400 or 500 assorted youngsters happy. And for those who are not inclined to "take" to dolls, Santa had provided trains, airplanes, automobiles, trucks, and toys of all kinds.

The Sikeston Lions Club works all year to put on this annual Christmas party. It usually stages an amateur play, presents a number of dance entertainments, and in a dozen ways raises funds throughout the year with which to buy candies, fruits, and toys for the Christmas party.

Two big trucks will start their rounds about 8:00 o'clock Sunday morning to distribute gifts. One will be furnshed by the Robinson Lumber Company, and another by either Bill Jones or J. N. Walker—both having offered their services.

A dozen or so Lions Club members will accompany the trucks to assist Santa in distributing the gifts to children in Sikeston and vicinity.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS TO BE DISTRIBUTED SATURDAY

The annual distribution of food baskets to needy families in this city and vicinity will be made Saturday in ample time for the preparation of meals Christmas day. As usual the Sikeston Lions Club will furnish one dressed chicken for each basket. Wednesday a total of 115 fowls had been prepared, and the committee was making arrangements to take care of an anticipated call for 10 or 15 more. The two bakeries here, Schorle Bros., and Welter's Bake Shop have donated sufficient bread to supply all baskets.

A free motion picture benefit show, staged under Lions Club auspices last Saturday, brought in a huge lot of foodstuffs. Admission was granted to children upon payment of some article of food, potatoes, canned vegetables, jellies and fruits predominating. All food thus raised was turned over to the Methodist and Baptist churches for distribution through their respective agencies. It was also offered to other church denominations who had perfected plans for giving food baskets this year.

Under the plan adopted several years ago by the Methodist church, members of that denomination, Sunday school and Bible class students and others donate food. Two years ago the Lions Club offered to supply one dressed chicken for each basket.

This precident has been enlarged upon to include any organizatoin in the city wishing to avail itself of this donation.

The Methodist plan embraces all poor, needy or helpless families in the city without regard to denominational choice. A list is submitted annually by Lon Swanner, and enlarged upon by members of a special committee in the church. An effort is made to supply only those actually in need of assistance.

The Baptist church usually confines its activities to those allied with that denomination. Approximately 32 baskets of food will be prepared at the church Friday night for Saturday distribution.

SERVICES HELD FOR LOUIE ELLIS WEDNESDAY

Funeral services were held at the Welsh Funeral Parlor Wednesday afternoon 2 o'clock for Louis Ellie, 26 years old, son of Mrs. Sallie Ellis of this city. The young man had been under treatment at a State hospital for a mental disorder, and died Monday after an acute illness of about two weeks. Rev. Finis Jones officiated at the services. Interment in Carpenter cemetery.

Besides his mother he is survived by four brothers and two sisters.

KINDERGARTEN TO OPEN MONDAY, JANUARY 16

According to Superintendent R. V. Ellise, kindergarten classes for children of five years of age will begin Monday, January 16, for the regular mid-year term.

Lewellyn J. Hunter The Killer Is Dead

Thus was swift, sure justice in its most elemental form, meted out to the ex-convict romeo who deliberately shot and killed Connie Reed, local garage man, and wounded Gid Daniels, night marshal, in a gun battle for freedom early Tuesday morning, December 13. Seven days later, his relatives were making plans for his funeral.

He shot it out with the law as he said he would, but the "law" won. In this case, the "law" assumed the person of a former friend to whom he had sent word that he would not be taken alive. The slugs which ended the life of this unusually large, powerfully built Memphian were fired by Detective Sgt. E. M. "Jack" Crumby, brother of the girl deserted by Hunter as he made good his dash for liberty at Sensenbaugh's garage. It came after a relentless pursuit by the detective brother of his former sweetheart, left in the lurch facing charges as a material witness.

Detective Crumby visited his sister Sunday morning, and stopped briefly for a chat with Sikeston acquaintances that afternoon, leaving here about 2 o'clock. He arrived in Memphis about 6:00 p. m.

A tip, giving the hideout of Hunter came to Crumby about 2:30 o'clock Sunday night from Jack Argo, 542 Vance, former pal of the gunman, who furnished transportation to the home of Fred Buffalo, farmer living about five miles north of Jackson, Tenn., and about 84 miles from Memphis. Crumby, Jimmie Robinson, a friend, and Argo, drove to the farm house, got a thorough knowledge of the layout of the place, after which Argo returned to Memphis, while Crumby drove into Jackson, where he secured the services of Sheriff Tom Patton and two deputies, Alfred Key and Hugh Mainard.

"We waited until about 7:15 o'clock Monday morning before we drove out to the place", Crumby explained to Sheriff Tom Scott and M. E. Montgomery, who with a Sikeston delegation visited Memphis Monday night to identify the body. "We swung into the lane leading to the farmhouse, with my car in front. Hunter was sitting down eating breakfast as we arrived, but the minute he recognized my car, he broke out of the back door and made a run for the barn, shooting as he went. I let him have it with a pump gun loaded with buckshot, and he dropped. He fired twice more after he was down. Then he died".

Inspector W. T. Griffin immediately communicated with M. E. Montgomery, who accompanied by Sheriff Tom Scott, Brown Jewell, Sgt. R. R. Reed, Trooper Hubert Brooks, Clay Mitchell and a Standard representative, drove to Memphis Monday afternoon. The body had not yet been removed from Smith's Funeral Parlor in Jackson, Tenn., when the Scott County delegation arrived. Arrangements were made by telephone to have the body brought to Memphis immediately, and about 8:30 o'clock, the Scott County group entered the Collins Funeral Home to identify the slayer. He is a huge man, bearing out the description given by Gid Daniels here. The body had not been greatly disfigured. One slug, or a close pattern of pellets, had entered his right temple, passing completely through his head, and probably causing instant death. A dozen more shots struck various parts of the body.

Sgt. Crumby made every effort to co-operate with the Scott County authorities, and was largely responsible for a very pleasant visit with members of the police and detective force of Memphis. His father, R. H. Crumby, 65 years old, was introduced. The elderly Memphis policeman was choked with emotion, but he expressed satisfaction that the unfortunate love affair of his daughter had ended as it did. "He led us to believe that he was separated from his family" said the elder Crumby. "I guess she loved him".

During a dinner at the Mandarin Cafe at which Sgt. Crumby was host, he told the story of the killer's last fatal attempt to "shoot it out with the law".

"He had sent me word that he'd rather I wouldn't work on this case, because he would hate to be the one to kill me", Crumby told his Missouri guests. "He had boasted to his pals that he would not be taken alive".

Fred Buffalo is a well digger living north of Jackson, Tenn. His wife and Mrs. Hunter at one time were rather well acquainted, and to this house Hunter came under pretext of going hunting for a week or two. He came there last Thursday night, having previously called at the American Express office in Memphis for a handbag which contained clothing belonging to his former lady friend, Miss Crumby, and which had been checked through from St. Louis. Buffalo claimed that Hunter used the name R. C. Lewis, the same under which he registered at the Melbourne Hotel, St. Louis.

The entire Missouri delegation Monday congratulated Sgt. E. M. Crumby upon the splendid manner in which the case was handled. "We of Scott County want you to know that we believe this affair ended exactly right", Sheriff Scott told the officer. "If he had to die, I am glad that it fell your lot to close this case as it did".

Commissioner Cliff Davis said Monday that no action would be taken by him against Sgt. Crumby.

A search of Hunter's clothing disclosed a wallet containing four $1.00 bills, a watch, and a blood-stained copy of the Memphis Commercial Appeal which Sunday carried a story relative to the $100 reward for the arrest and conviction of Hunter. His gun, a nickle-plated .38 caliber Smith special, was found near the body. Four shells had been exploded. The killed died with three new cartridges in his hand. In the Buffalo home were two loaded .12 gauge automatics. "I'm thankful he didn't get to those before he left the house", observed Sgt. Crumby.

Just what disposition will be made of Miss Ruby Pearl Crumby's case could not be stated Tuesday morning. However, Prosecuting Attorney M. E. Montgomery held a lengthy conference with Sgt. Crumby and his attorney Julian Cohen in Memphis Monday night. The girl wlil probably be released, since Hunter's death automatically cancels the charge of murder. Officers are now of the opinion that the woman was primarily a misguided victim of circumstance.

Another bit of silent tragedy was enacted Monday night just as the Missouri group was leaving the Collins Funeral Home. Mrs. Hunter and her two children entered the place as the Missourians left.

That afternoon she had refused an interview with Memphis news reporters. "Go away, go away", she cried. "Oh God, I've already got more trouble than I can stand. Go away", she screamed. "Please! For God's sake, leave me alone!"

In Benton the other woman, Miss Crumby, merely sobbed when told by M. E. Montgomery that her former lover had been killed. "I'm sorry Ed had to be the one to do it", she cried. She had reference to her brother, Sgt. Ed Crumby.

As far as Ed Crumby is concerned, it was a big job, but it ended perfectly although it meant cutting another nick in his gun stock—the ninth during the busy life of this young police officer.

Memphis officers who held an informal round table discussion of the case with the Missourians Monday night claim that Hunter had been notorious for years for his vicious disposition. "He served one prison sentence for robbing chain stores", they said. "One of his favorite stunts was to frighten the crowd in a store by shooting holes in cans and bottles on the shelves.

"We failed to place our hands on him at once after he got back to Memphis after the Sikeston shooting, but we heard from him. Several informants told us he had boasted he would never be taken alive, but would shoot his way out".

Homer Short Breaks Into Memphis Jail On Bogus Check Charge

Homer Short, the former Southeast Missouri football star, at home in Caruthersville, but known from Michigan to Tennessee as the man of a dozen names and the writer of hundreds of bogus checks finally closed his spotted career in the Memphis holdover. Federal and local officers hold warrants ranging in seriousness from charges of rape to issuance of bad checks.

Short's record as filed in the local office of Highway Patrol E headquarters, gives the following names under which he operated in various parts of the country: Homer Shaw, C. S. Rodgers, Homer Thomas and Homer Harris.

Last summer he drove into Sikeston, and was identified by several Sikeston football players. His criminal record was not known at that time, and Art Sensenbaugh gladly cashed his check for $5.00. Short returned later and floated another check for a similar amount, pointing out to the station attendant that Art had previously endorsed his check. He received another $5 bill.

Since that time officers were informed that Short is wanted for theft of a Chevrolet coach, forgery in Missouri and Tennessee towns, and on a rape charge filed in Michigan several years ago.

A Standard representative learned Tuesday morning from Manager Scott of the Chisca Hotel, Memphis, that Short had been jailed in that city. The much sought after Southeast Missourian visited Memphis recently in company with a woman, and left a trail of "hot" checks in varying amounts.

DIEHLSTADT TEAMS WIN DOUBLE VICTORY FRIDAY

Diehlstadt High School basketball teams won a double victory on their home court Friday night, the boys defeating the Blodgett boys by a score of 52 to 17, and the girls taking their game with a score of 43 to 17. Jo Malone, Diehlstadt forward, scored 33 of her team's points.

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There is one thing certain, the depression has never hit Babyland.

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Ever so often we read where some actress has adopted a baby, which leads us to wonder where they find all these babies, or, are they forgotten ones that some of these actresses have left behind. This is in Hollywood.

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Every taxpayer in the land will welcome anything that will lower his taxes and bring about general employment and better times. The beer proposition will undoubtedly bring in a bit of revenue, put many men to work, make a demand for hops and barley, and the poor devils of the country will pay the bill because they are the ones who want a 5-cent drink. If beer is to be licensed, it should not be sold by the glass but in bottles that carry a heavy revenue stamp and sold at a price too high to make it popular. We are against prohibition as is, and at the same time we know not how to handle it.

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Let those who are so fond of asserting that democracy has failed in America bear in mind that a democracy is the only form of government on earth that permits its citizens to assert that it has failed. It is not strange that Italians are never heard to say that Mussolini has failed and that Russians are not heard charging that the iron rule of Stalin is a failure. They are not permitted to say so. If the Italian or the Russian should follow the free and easy way of the American critics, he would speedily face a ring squad or begin a long trek to Arctic Siberia. The very fact that any American born woman can say that American democracy is a failure is pretty convincing proof that it is not a failure. At least it has not failed to preserve the constitutional privilege of free speech.—Daily Oklahoman.

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THE MAGIC MISTLETOE

When the mistletoe, with its branch stems and crystalwhite berries, appears with the holly at Christmas time, we all remember vaguely that it is not quite like other evergreens. Perhaps if we live in the North we ask where it comes from; or we look up 'Druids' in the encyclopedia! But how many know that the superstitions which still cluster about that gold-tipped parasite stretch far back of the Christmas era, and are lost in the mists of antiquity?

Going one morning into the kitchen where a boy was waiting with Christmas greens to sell, I found three hard featured middle-aged "widow women" giggling like school girls, with heads bent close together over a hot cookstove. It was a bit of divination, and the manner of it was this: Six mistletoe leaves had been laid on the stove two by two, and according as a pair burned up stolidly side by side, or one or another of them either sidled closer or suddenly, even so it would fall out with the couple whom they represented. Verily romance dies hard, and so does the practice of pagan live charms! This was in Tennessee. In a little French hamlet where I spent Christmas a few years ago, I counted no less than 80 bunches of mistletoe in a single tall poplar —a costly coloney of dependents! Many were big enough to fill a bushel basket, and from a distance they looked like gigantic bird's nests. Every tiny shop in the neighborhood (just a front room in somebody's stone cottage with a bell fastened to the door latch) had a bunch of "le gui" hung up pour le bonheur for good luck), but kisses, apparently, were not in the picture.

The Cherokees call the mistletoe in their own dialect "udale"—married, or it is married—married of course, to the tree on whose sap it feeds, and like an old-time Hindu wife, it dies with the death of its partner. You wonder how the gumm, solid little berries travel from tree to tree Birds are the carriers; the seeds stick to their beaks and wiped off on the bark of a neighboring tree, where they cling fast (as you can learn by a little experimenting), and in due time strike root. Bird-lime, the gluey substance used in snaring small birds, is made from mistletoe berries.

That learned book, Frazier's "Golden Bough", has much to say the superstitious reverence long paid to the misteltoe, not only in nearly every country in Europe, but in Japan and even among African savages. He tells us how the Druid priests cut it with a sickle of gold, and because it must not touch the ground, caught it as it fell in a white cloth. It was regarded as an antidote for all poisons, and a cure for almost every kind of sickness. His explanation of the fact that it was everywhere held sacred is a very charming one. Would not a plant that flourishes summer and winter without roots in the earth, naturally be esteemed a plant fallen from the skies, and a direct gift of divinity?

They Say—Says The Man About Town

By ART L. WALLHAUSEN

SHOULD We forget to say it in a more practical and lasting manner;

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That was quite difficult to set . . typographcially speaking, but it does say a heap of things in two words.

Prohibition enforcement handed us another laugh last Monday nite. Every hotel man in the cities knows this, and we are told that quite a few of our readers do also. While sitting in the Peabody grill drinking a cup of java "with the alluring taste", as Miss Hess would say to her Home Ec students, we noticed order after order of ginger ale, cracked ice and empty glasses, enroute to various rooms. On each bottle neck the counter girl placed a slip of paper. We read:

"This beverage is sold with the strict understanding that contents of this bottle will not be mixed with alcoholic liquors in any form, in violation of the 18th Amendment.

"The Management"

A world of folks sure have developed a taste for ginger ale.

This business of being sheriff is not all serious. Take f'rinstance the time Tom Scott picked up a gentleman at a dance for being drunk and disorderly. While driving toward Oran, the prisoner who had studied the bottom of a bottle rather much, suddenly turned to the sheriff and said: "Mr. Sheriff, I'll give you all I got if you'll turn me loose. I don't wanta go to jail."

"How much you got?" asked Scott. The prisoner searched all pockets diligently, finally hauling out seventy-five cents, which he tendered in all seriousness.

"Naw, I'm sorry", Scott told him, "but I never did turn anybody loose for less'n a dollar and a half".

Within recent weeks another visitor showed up at the home of Scott. It was none other than Roy Shaw, the same who was alleged to have certain connections with the former Charlie Berger, and who not many months ago was set free after killing a trio in Dunklin County. Scott could not figure out a reasonable motive for Shaw's visit, because his previous connections with the law had not been entirely pleasant.

Finally Shaw broke in with, "Well, Tom, guess you won't be here much longer". When informed that his term expired January 1, Shaw asked for Scott's sub-machine gun. "You won't be needin' that Tommy gun of yours, will you?" he asked.

The Sheriff informed him that the gun would be handed down to his successor, since it was County and not personal property. "Well, maybe you can't sell it to me, but you could fix it so that a fellow could steal it, couldn't you?" asked his visitor.

Scott still has the Tommy gun.

Trooper Brooks has finally quit worrying about that long, knife wound "discovered" under the right armpit of the late, but not lamented Lewellyn J. Hunter.

T. Wilson and Dud have the details.

GLEE CLUB OPERETTA AGAIN POSTPONED

According to Superintendent Roy V. Ellise, the operetta "My Maid of the Bamboo Screen" to be given by the high school glee club, has been postponed until after the New Year. Mr. Ellise stated that no denite date had been set, but that they hoped to present the operetta before the middle of January.

LIBRARY TO BE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

According to Mrs. C. A. Cook, local librarian, the library will be closed all day Monday, December 26. Usual hours will again be resumed Wednesday.

BENTON TEAMS VICTORIOUS OVER CHAFFEE TEAMS

Benton High School girls' and boys' basketball teams were both victorious in their game played against the Chaffee teams at Chaffee Friday night. The Benton girls won by a score of 29 to 24, and the boys won with a score of 41 to 39.

CHILDREN OF EX-SERVICE MEN TO ENJOY XMAS PARTY

The local chapter of the American Legion are sponsoring a Xmas party to be given Friday night, December 23, at the I. O. O. F. Hall for all children of ex-service men. The party will begin at 6:45 o'clock with Santa Claus present and with a toy for each child.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

MANY ATTEND VESPER SERVICES SUNDAY

A large crowd was present Sunday evening at the local Methodist church to enjoy the Vesper Services sponsored by the Choral Group of the local Music Club. The first part of the service was entirely musical, with organ, violin and choral numbers and music by the choir. Mr. Claiborne, violin artist, was also present, and was well received by the audience. The choir wore their robes and the choral group wore their surplices.

The last part of the service was devoted to the scene of the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, with Mrs. Harry Harty representing Mary, and Roy Wagner as Joseph.

All those who witnessed the performances, will agree that it was very beautiful and impressive.

DORCAS CLASS ENJOYS CHRISTMAS PARTY MONDAY

Fifteen members of the Dorcas Class of the First Baptist church were present to enjoy the Christmas party held at the home of the teacher, Mrs. Leslie Garrison, Monday evening, December 19. Several games were played after which Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed a gift to each person present, and refreshments were served. All report an enjoyable evening.

Y. W. A. XMAS PARTY HELD TUESDAY EVENING

Several members of the Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Meredith Lee Tuesday evening. The home was very artistically decorated in keeping with Christmas and Christmas games were played. Santa Claus was also present with gifts for each girl. Fourteen members and two visitors were present to enjoy the affair.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. Edward Smith on Lake Street Tuesday, January 3.

BLIND EVANGELIST CLOSES MEETING AT MATTHEWS NAZARENE

O. S. Harris, evangelist of Sikeston, closed a two-weeks meeting at the Matthews Church of the Nazarene last Sunday night. Although uneducated in conventional Bible schools or seminaries, this minister is said to deliver unusually powerful sermons. His services are available to other nearby churches, according to Robert Burch of Matthews.

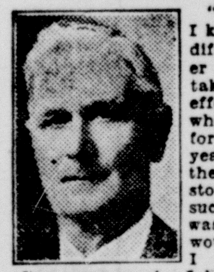
Ben Hur Lodge Elects Officers

Last Thursday night at a call meeting of the Ben Hur lodge, two candidates, Clyde M. Causey and Dallas Wallace, were initiated, with the Cape Girardeau Ben Hur degree team doing the initiatory work. A. L. Saulmon, State manager, of Memphis, Tenn., was also present. Thirty members from the local lodge were present, with the following visitors from Chaffee: Edwin Hart, Ann Morris and Vernetta Campbell, and the Cape Girardeau team composed of gate keeper, Harley Henry; chief, Lou Vanzandt; Past Chief, Sarah McDanile; Judge, Florence Mason; teacher, Leroy Hopper; captain, Clyde Seabaugh; guide, Claud Mason; Ben Hur, Clarence Hopper; Airus, Earl McDaniel; mother, Hazel Williamson; Terzah, May Seabaugh; Hebrew women, Lillian Baxton and Jessie Henry; scribe, Nellie Medcalf. Monday night the regular meeting of the lodge was held when new officers were elected.

Past Chief—R. E. Limbaugh
Chief—Dallas Wallace
Judge—Lenna Marshall
Teacher—Mildred Meyer
Keeper of Tribute—F. E. Mount
Captain—Claud Causey
Guide—James Wilbur
Keeper of Inner Gate—Thresa Simler
Keeper of Outer Gate—Charles Noble

The next meeting of the lodge will be held Monday night, January 2, in the I. O. O. F. Hall. At this time initiation will be held, and also the appointive officers named.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lair of Sikeston, a daughter, Thursday, at the Southeast Missouri Hospital. She is their second daughter and weighs 7 pounds. Lair is connected with the State Highway Department.—Cape Missourian.



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J. J. Reiss Dairy

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in the true spirit of Christmas time we ARE THINKING of YOU today; you who have favored us with your business, your oft repeated well wishes, and your smiles and encouragement.
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At this happy Yuletide season we take occasion to send all our friends this little greeting—to wish all of you the very best for yourself and your family—and to thank you for the splendid patronage and many favors you have conferred upon us.

May this be the best Christmas you have ever spent.

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Street and Water Commissioner
City of Sikeston

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1932-1933
For Christmas and the Coming New Year
To Our New and Old Friends
Accept Our Sincere Thanks for Past Favors.
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GREETINGS

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About Old Santa Claus, Children's Patron Saint

THE dictionary merely tells you that Santa Claus is a contraction of Saint Nicholas (see Nicholas, Saint). A turning of the pages reveals that Nicholas was bishop of Myra or Smyrna in Asia Minor about 300 A. D. He was the patron saint of old Russia and was believed to offer special protection and comfort to "sea-faring men, thieves, virgins and children." His affection for children was based on the assertion that he brought back to life three schoolboys who had been murdered. An encyclopedia attributes the name by which he is known in America to the early Dutch settlers who called him San Nicolaag.

But it little matters whether he be known as Saint Nicholas, Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, or a dozen other names, for the presence of his spirit on this climax holiday of the year is the important thing. It enters every home in the four corners of Christendom and touches the hearts of all the men and women in them. Moreover, it is essentially the spirit of childhood, the freshness, the courage, and the eagerness of young lives. Saint Nicholas may seem old, but he has none of the fears, regrets or prejudices of age. He and his children stand on the threshold of the world. Their banner is good will and their goal is peace.

So this day, dedicated to the memory of the birth of a child, belongs to all children. It is their carols, their laughter, their happiness which makes it sweet. And we older folk should on this day at least share their kindliness, their tolerance, their purity and their Saint Nicholas.—The Boston Herald.

1932

Printed Christmas Card Was Issued Back in '43

THERE is more humanity about the Victoria and Albert museum than its stiff brick exterior suggests.

The director has sent me a Christmas Picture Book, says a writer in the London Star. It reveals the fact that the first Christmas card ever printed was issued only as recently as 1843.

The card, which was printed for Sir Henry Cole, first director of the South Kensington museum, is reproduced, along with many other efforts by artists, to celebrate the nativity. They range from a walrus ivory relief from Cologne to a modern woodcut by Eric Gill. It is strange to see how the artistic wheel has turned full circle back to the medieval austerity.

But I can't help liking the first Christmas card, which "features," as the films say, a hearty meal. As the fat boy would say, "I likes eating best."

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"Christmas Man," Name Given to Kris Kringle

SANTA CLAUS does not visit the children of Lithuania on Christmas eve as he does the children in this country, but there are all kinds of Christmas celebrations in which they have a part, and many good things to eat. In Germany and Norway old Kris Kringle hides gifts for the children in many out of the way places, and Christmas day is spent chiefly in hunting for them. In Holland Saint Nicholas dispensed Christmas cheer, but when the Hollanders came to this country his name was changed to Santa Claus. In Sweden Santa Claus is much like he is in America, but he does not come down the chimney, but in the night he comes into the room where the Christmas tree is and leaves gifts for all. His name is not Santa Claus, however, for he is called "The Christmas Man."

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Shepherds and Wise Men

It is not clear from the Scriptural allusions that the shepherds who visited the new-born Jesus were the same as the wise men who saw his star in the East. Only Matthew records the story of the magi, and only Luke mentions the shepherds. Mark and John do not refer to either the shepherds or the wise men.

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Recipe for Merry Christmas

Are you seeking a formula which will insure you a Merry Christmas? It's really too easy: Just have a child or two around the place and human nature will do the rest.—Collier's Weekly.

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REAL SANTA CLAUS

THIS Christmas spirit is the real Santa Claus—a spirit that is universal—that grows stronger with the years—that brings out the best in us—a spirit that is made up of kindly thought and deeds, of hallowed memories and of "Good Will" to all.

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa:

Please don't forget me for I have been a very good girl. You come every year, but I have never seen you. Don't forget my little friends. I want a little doll, a saxophone, a little sewing machine, and bring little Ilene a doll, too, some A, B, C blocks and a new game of checkers.

MABEL MURPHY

Dear Santa:

This is the month that all people the world over look forward to and they give and receive. Please don't forget me and my little playmates. I want a tricycle, horn, a little train, a sack of peanuts and please remember my little brother, Trice. He wants a sled, marble and if possible, a new hammer.

LOLA MAE McCANN

Dear Santa:

Watt, Mo.

I am a boy 6 years old, am going to school, trying to be good, for mother says you don't like mean boys. Santa, I am not expecting a lot of toys, if you could bring me some real good boxing gloves, a baseball mit and punching bag for daddy said that punching bag was good for growing boys. Oh, don't forget my grandpa for he soon will be 79 years of age. Now Santa, this is my first letter. If I get these things I'll be happy and next year I will be oh so good that I know you would bring me that pony that Mr. Mitchell had at Mr. Wagner's mule barn one year I lived at Sikeston. Goodbye, pleasant dreams.

BILLY ESKRIDGE

Matthews, Mo.,

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a little wagon, a little tractor, a toy bus. I go to school and will soon be six years old. Don't forget to bring my little sister, Colleen a doll.

PAUL MOORE

Matthews, Mo.

Dear Santa:

I want a little red wagon to pull Martha Ann in, a pair of rubber breeches for myself, a big baby buggy to pull my sweet wife in, some fruit, nuts, and candy, a big rubber ball for Martha and I, a pair of mittens and some kittens, a bottle and nipple for myself. I am a very wee little boy, 25 years old. A pair of shoes, size 13½ if you have any that large, also. That is all I will ask for this time.

DONALD STORY

Dear Santa:

I am 6 years old and in the first grade at school. Santa, will you please bring me a doll and a set of dishes and a suitcase and a doll high chair for my doll. And please do not forget the little children who will not get anything and I want some nuts, candy and fruits. And please do not forget my teacher, please.

LAURA JO LATHAM

Dear Santa Claus:

I am just a little school boy, 25 years old. Please send me a BB gun (long range), 3 boxes of BB's and some hunting license. I want a cap pistol and a detective badge, a little wheel barrow, a toy car, a little train, a tricycle, a wagon, some talcum powder, a teddy bear, a toy dog, a bottle of hair oil and a box of shoe polish. I won't ask for any more because the depression is on.

THARRON STALLINGS

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to tell you what I want for Xmas. Just bring me a rubber ball and a sack of candy. Please bring Mr. Stalling a new set of erasers and some more chalk to throw. Don't forget to bring Peg Mahew a new football team for next year, because he will need one. I think Miss Cowan and Miss Schroff need a new chair in their room so they can talk over their troubles and love affairs because their desk is just about to break down. Please bring Miss Makey a new latin class because the one she has is as dumb as she is. I know Miss Dalton needs a new zipper jumper because the one side has been zipped too much by Mr. Stallings. This is all for this year and I hope you don't get stuck in the chimney.

BILL VAN HORNE

Dear Santa:

I am in the fourth grade and am 8 years old. I'm in Miss Bateman's room and I want to tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a doll, a pair of galoshes, please. And don't forget my brother, daddy and mother and also my grandmother, aunts, uncles and cousins. And don't forget the other girls and boys and their mothers and fathers, too.

SHIRLEY J. LIMBAUGH

Corning, Ark.

Dear Santa:

I am sending this letter to my mother as I live with my auntie in Arkansas and mother's home is there and I'll be visiting her Xmas. Please bring me a bicycle, aviator cap and a pair of gloves, and too, remember mother and other children who will not have much for Xmas.

DEWEY HOWE

Dear Santa:

I do not want very much for Xmas. Santa, I am in the third grade and my teacher is Miss Blount and don't forget the other little children. I am a little girl 8 years old. My teacher sure is good and don't forget my little brother and my little sister and my mother and father. Santa, am I asking for too much? I want a doll for Xmas.

IMOGENE CARMODY

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 7 years old. I want a doll. One that I can wash, a tub and clothes pins and my brother, Bobby Joe, wants a truck. Bring my little baby sister a set of blocks.

GERALDINE VOWELS

CARD OF THANKS

We are very grateful to our many friends for their kindness and sympathy shown during the death of our beloved husband, father and brother, Connie Reed. Also for the many beautiful floral offerings. We wish to especially thank Rev. Walker and neighbor, McQuery for the consoling words to the bereaved family.

Wife and Children
Brother and Family

TRUSTEE'S SALE BY SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE

WHEREAS, Howard E. Morrison, single and unmarried, by his certain deed of trust dated the 13th day of October, 1922, duly acknowledged and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Scott County, Missouri, in Deed of Trust Record Book 46 at Page 40, said book being one of the land records of Scott County, Missouri, conveyed to Gustave W. Niemann as trustee and in case of his inability, neglect or refusal to act then to such person as may be appointed upon an ex parte application for such purposes by the Circuit Court of the county wherein the property described in said deed of trust is located, and which said deed of trust conveyed all of the right, title, interest and estate of the said Howard E. Morrison in and to the following described real estate situated in the City of Sikeston, County of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:

Forty-four (44) feet off the east side of Lot Three (3) of Dan McCoy's Subdivision of Trotter's Addition to the City of Sikeston;

Which said conveyance was in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note there in described; and,

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said note as provided by said note and deed of trust; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of said deed of trust have been violated by the maker of said note and deed of trust and his successors in title to said property; and,

WHEREAS, the holder of said note and deed of trust has elected to foreclose said deed of trust for the failure of the makers of said note and deed of trust to perform the terms and conditions thereof; and,

WHEREAS, Gustave W. Niemann, the named trustee in said deed of trust, has in writing refused to act as said trustee; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court of Scott County, Missouri, upon an ex parte application as provided by said deed of trust, did on December 10, 1932, at its regular November term designate and name the undersigned H. C. Watkins, Jr., of Scott County, Missouri, to act in lieu of the said named trustee for the purpose of foreclosing said deed of trust according to its terms;

NOW, THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holder of said note and in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and by authority vested in me by the decree of the Circuit Court of Scott County, Missouri, I will on

SATURDAY THE 7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1933

at the east front door of the Courthouse in the town of Benton, Scott County, Missouri, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash at public auction the above described real estate for the purpose of paying said debt and costs.

H. C. WATKINS, JR.,
Substitute Trustee.

First pub. Dec. 16, 23, 30; Jan. 6

Just a suggestion. If some homeless somebody comes to your house on Christmas Day, invite him in and share your Christmas dinner. Both of you will feel better.

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"Undercover Man"

With George Raft, Nancy Carroll, Roscoe Karns, Lew Cody, Gregory Ratoff.

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His greatest since "Scarface"! Raft—as the man both sides hunted . . .ace in a game with no quarter asked—and none given. To him a woman was just another skirt . . until he needed her—and found out different. Remember! "Scarface"—Dancers in the Dark—"Night After Night"

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Cordial Greetings

May Joy Be Yours This Happy Christmastide and a New Year of Peace, Happiness and Prosperity

For the business, large or small, with which you favored us during the past year we are sincerely thankful. We as sincerely hope that you will be a frequent caller at our place of business during the New Year. Call around, feel at home and let us serve you in any way that we may do so. Take our place of business during the New Year. Call around, feel at home, and let us serve you in any way that we may do so. Take our wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

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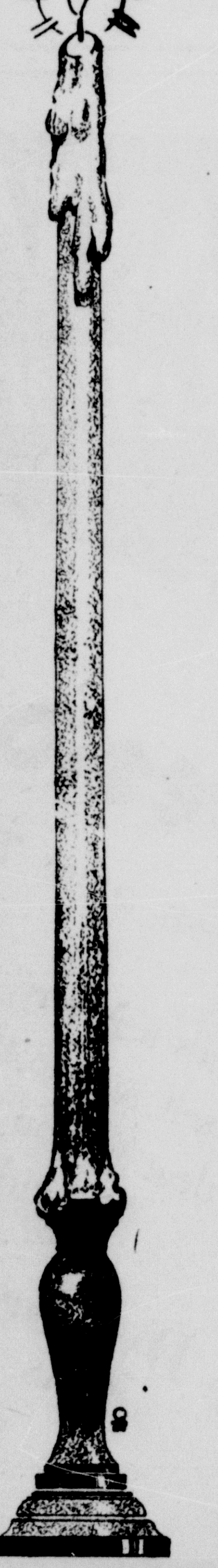

SEASONS GREETINGS

May we add our greeting to the many you will receive today—let our wish for you to be one of continued peace, prosperity and contentment and that these will continue in full measure throughout many years to come. Yes, we too, wish YOU a very Merry and Joyful Christmas.

The Malone Theatre
Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCutchen

Veteran Cotton Buyer Dies Tuesday Enroute Sikeston To Memphis

S. C. Ragan, 75, veteran cotton buyer for McFadden and Oates of Memphis, died at a Blytheville, Ark., hospital a few hours after suffering a stroke, while riding with John Henricks, a hitch hiker, picked up in Sikeston at the Del Rey Hotel.

Mr. Hendricks, formerly employed by the defunct Chicago Evening Post contacted Charles L. Blanton, Jr., at Sensenbaugh's Garage Monday morning, and through him secured an introduction to Mr. Ragan.

The story of Mr. Hendricks as published in the Memphis Commercial Appeal follows in part:

The unusual experience of hitchhiking across the country and having his benefactor drop dead was related here by John Hendricks, who was driving the car of S. C. Ragan Tuesday when that well known Memphis cotton man suffered a fatal stroke near Blytheville.

"I had tried to get out of Sikeston most of Monday", Hendricks said, "but couldn't seem to catch a ride. Late in the afternoon Mr. Ragan drove up to the filling statin, and spoke of going to Memphis. I asked him for a ride.

"Mr. Ragan thought it over a long time before he answered.

" 'If you can wait over until tomorrow you can drive me down', he told me. " 'I don't feel like traveling any more today and I am a little afraid to drive. I am not feeling well'.

"He told me to meet him at the Del Rey Hotel in Sikeston in the morning and I did. He seemed quite cheerful as we drove south and said it was a relief not to have to drive. He told me he had been having heart trouble and high blood pressure and that at his age (he was 75), anything might happen any time.

Suffers Fatal Stroke

"We stopped at the Arkansas line for a cup of coffee and after we started again he asked me to smoke. He said the doctor had made him quit and the only satisfaction he could get was smelling .. A little way on he complained of being chilly and I fixed the heater so he would get the full benefit of it.

"Coming into Blytheville he coughed, threw up his hands, and slumped against the side of the car. I couldn't rouse him. A young man standing on the sidewalk asked if I wanted a doctor and called Dr. Stevens. At his advice I took Mr. Ragan to the hospital. He never recovered consciousness.

"I stayed long enough to be sure he was in touch with his people and caught a freight train on to Memphis.

"Our conversation on the way was the oddest I have ever heard. Mr. Ragan reviewed the various important events and decisions of his life and speculated on what he would do under the same circumstances if he were permitted to live again".

ILLMO CAGERS MEET SIKESTON HERE THURSDAY

Sikeston basketball teams will be hosts to Illmo cagers in the second court game of the season here Thursday night, December 22. The season openers last Saturday night ended in a doublebarreled defeat handed out by Canalou veterans. The games, however, gave coaches Schroff and Mahew an opportunity to observe material under actual playing conditions, and the experience should prove valuable in selecting the starters tonight (Thursday).

Sells and Davis will probably start in the forward court for Sikeston. Each produced 13 points in the last game with Davis holding the edge on field shots. More co-operating in passing the ball for set-up shots would help that department materially.

Powell who started at jump center will probably start as side center against Illmo, having the circle post to Kline or Wilson.

Frey and Tanner will probably start as guards for Sikeston.

Starters in the boys' game will probably be Bandy and Limbaugh, fordwards; Caverno, center and Moll and Sharp guards. Bandy, playing his first game last week made a creditable showing, scoring two baskets from the floor, and making good four donation shots. Limbaugh made good three baskets and one free toss.

The Sikeston quintet gave promise of developing into a better than average team, but certain rough spots must still be ironed out.

Games will start promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Judge, who departed this life two years December 23:

The fairest lilies are the first to fall
The sweetest first to fade,
The fondest, dearest, best of all, at peaceful rest is laid.
As some sweet blossom droops and dies
When blighted from the frost
Judge faded from our eyes
And all too soon was gone
But in God's garden free from pain
Where grows his fairest flowers.
We know that we shall meet again
This fairest flower of ours.
JOHN C. WITT and FAMILY

Mrs. Harold Hebbeler of Cape Girardeau spent Tuesday here with Mrs. J. L. Tanner and family.

The Mid-Winter Opening at the Chillicothe Business College is Monday, January 2nd. New classes will be organized then and many students will enter for business, telegraph and civil service courses.

Mot at all a new wish, old and true, but still
we've never found one better,
Nobody ever will.

A
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

PITMAN & SON

ICE BLANKET IS MELTING IN RAIN

Intermittant rain, fog and mist together with much higher temperatures broke the severity of the cold wave Wednesday after a prolonged stay of nearly two weeks. By Thursday most of the streets and sidewalks in the city were relatively clear of ice, which for the past fourteen days made driving and walking hazardous.

Kiddies and grownups, most of them unused to ice and snow, thououghly enjoyed the blanket of slippery white stuff by using sleds and skates, night and day. Many bobsled parties were held during the past few weeks but that form of outdoor sport promises to be a thing of the past—at least for a few days. The weatherman promises continued warmer weather with rain probable.

Fog proved to be a real hazard to motor and train traffic the past two days. Starting Wednesday evening the fog settled low, and densely early that afternoon. By nightfall cars and busses were creeping along, the latter running from 30 to 60 minutes behind schedule.

The early morning northbound Frisco train was delayed about 30 minutes, it was stated here, by fog.

BLODGETT ELEVATOR FIRE LOSS $40,000

Fire of undetermined origin Wednesday morning destroyed the large grain elevator, machinery and thousands of bushels of corn and wheat belonging to the Blodget Elevator and Grain Co., Inc., at Blodgett, at an estimated loss of $40,000. J. W. Parker is resident manager.

The blaze was discovered in the east wing of the building by Howard Levan, citizen of the town about 8 o'clock. An alarm was sounded but volunteers were unable to save the main structure. Nearby sheds, the office and warehouses did not burn.

The theory has been advanced that tramps seeping in an adjoining warehouse might have left a small fire and thus started the conflagration.

The company will continue to buy corn at the old stand, having made arrangements to store it in temporary shelters. The elevator proper will probably be rebuilt early next spring.

Grain was still smuoldering Thursday afternoon.

Seneca—McCorkle Bros. purchased Thomas Garage.

Raymond Red Corn, an Osage Indian of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and Henry Granacki of Tenino, Washington were among the new students enrolling at the Chillicothe Business College last week.

XMAS DANCE PROMISES TO BE FEATURE EVENT OF BUSY HOLIDAY WEEK

The midnight frolic scheduled by the Henry Meldrum Post, American Legion here starting at midnight, December 25, promises to start the round of holiday festivities with a bang.

Hal Cord's Hollywood Club orchestra, featuring eleven artists, will furnish the entertainment. Cord has one of the really outstanding bands on the West Coast and for months has been heard regularly over station KFI , KJR and KGO. The hop will not start until the stroke of 12 Sunday night, but it will continue until the wee small hours of Monday morning.

Legionnaires are asking $2.00 per couple,and fifty cents each from spectators.

WADE INFANT DIES

Juanita, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wade of near Morehouse, died last Sunday following a short illness with pneumonia. Death came at the age of 2 year and 8 months. Funeral services were held at the residence in Morehouse Monday morning with interment in the Hunterville cemetery, Welsh service.

A New Tinner Arrives

A brand new tinner and heating expert arrived in Sikeston Wednesday. He is the 9-pound son born that day to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Poage of this city. The youngster and his mother are getting along nicely at the Emergency hospital.

Mrs. Charles Wagster of St. Louis is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lillie Miller.

HIJACK TRUCK ROB DRIVER OF $500 THURS. AFTERNOON

According to a telephone message received late Thursday afternoon by Clay Mitchell from his brother, C. L., connected with the Mitchell-Corder Grocery Company of Malden, a truck belonging to the firm was held up and robbed that evening about 5:30 o'clock. Three men took $500 in checks and currency from the driver and escaped driving east of Highway 61. The robbery took place between Risco and Malden on Highway 84.

The trio of road bandits made their getaway in a Chevrolet car, either a coach or sedan.

ILLMO TEAMS TAKE TWO GAMES AT MORLEY FRI.

The two Illmo High School basketball teams were victorious Friday night in a double-header game played on the Morley courts, the scores being 30 to 22 for the boys and 50 to 11 for the girls. Elberta Bowers, Illmo forward, scored 38 of her team's points.

FORNFELT TEAMS DEFEAT ANNISTON TEAMS FRIDAY

The Fornfelt High School girls' basketball team won their first game and the boys their fourth game of the season Friday night when they defeated the Anniston high teams. The Fornfelt girls led with a score of 20 to 7, while the boys score was 25 to 20.

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Speaking of stories there's the one Ira Shuffit tells of the Old Indian back home who was willing to bet he could turn a mouse loose in a room, hit the animal three times with a pistol ball without killing it.

Pleasant business relations such as ours promote friendship' so to our friends we say

A Very Merry Christmas

and may nineteen hundred thirty-three bring to you the things you most desire.

WELTER BAKE SHOP

SANTA CLAUS' Letter to You!

Firestone Tires and Tubes

Extends a Merry Christmas to yourself and to those near and dear to you we extend this Yuletide Greeting

Dye Service Station
GAS OILS TIRES
Sikeston, Missouri

NO ONE HURT IN FRIDAY NIGHT WRECK

Cars driven by R. D. Clayton of Morley, and Jake Frutiger, salesman for the Parke Davis Company in this district, collided last Friday night about 7 o'clock on Highway 61, north of the State Highway buildings. Clayton, driving south, struck the side of Mr. Frutiger's Buick, knocking off a running board. Clayton's machine lost one wheel. Neither of the drivers was hurt.

MATTHEWS BOY HURT WHEN HIT BY SLED

Harold Lumsden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lumsden of Matthews, was hurt in Sikeston Saturday night, when a sled skidded toward the youth. A runner cut a gash in one leg. Dr. G. W. Presnell rendered emergency treatment and today reported that Lumsden was able to walk.

We find no fault with Miss Crumby nor do we hold brief for the woman who stayed with her man during the brutal shooting here recently. We are glad that she has the opportunity of making peace with her family, and that she might again be at home with her babies. Two other homes, however, will be gloomy abodes this coming Christmas day. One will be found in Memphis and the other in Sikeston. We extend our heartiest sympathy for the two widows, Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Connie Reed and their babies.

OUR HEART'S DESIRE

Right now we desire nothing more than to have our friends and customers know that we are thinking of them and wishing them a JOYOUS HOLIDAY season. We want you to know that we appreciate you and that we send this message, not as a matter of form custom, but because WE MEAN EVERY WORD OF IT!

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

PEACOCK
Beauty Salon
Irene Nash

WOMAN'S CLUB MET TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Woman's Club held its meeting Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. A. J. Renner. A business meeting was held at which time a donation to the Red Cross was given.

After the business, the following program was given, which was in charge of Mrs. J. M. Massengill. This was a Christmas program with three papers, namely, "The Nativity of Christ", Mrs. Massengill; "The Women of the Bible", Mrs. C. C. White and "Christmas in Other Lands", Mrs. Kate Greer. Vocal solo, "Adeste Fidelis", Mrs. L. R. Burns.

The next meeting of the Club will be held January 3, at the home of Mrs. J. W. Foley. Mrs. L. R. Burns will be the leader and will have the subject, "Women's Contribution to World Progress".

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 16 years old. Since there is a depression, I will not ask for a present, but just a favor. Please Santa, see if you can arrange it so that it will be necessary for P. D. Malone to remain in Cape Girardeau during the holidays. Don't forget my friend, Archie Green, who wants to learn to draw better and funnier Xmas cards.

CHARLES ALLEN COOK.

Edna—Lloyd Elick moved shop to new location.

LAIR STORE NEWS

"That Interssting Store"

HOME FURNISHINGS

Our 34 Year in S. E. Mo.

Give One Of These—

Solid Walnut Powder Case—a tastey piece of furniture that would gladden the heart of any woman who takes pride in her personal appearance.

Pull up or occasional chairs—most homes always have room for one more guest chair. These are both pretty and comfortable—also modestly priced.

Governor Winthrop secretaries in either walnut or mahogany—made by a factory that prides itself on good cabinet work—$22.50 up.

Studio couches equipped with inner spring mattresses covered in acceuted shades of "home spun" material. Comfort and good service in every one.

"Can't Slip" bath mats, plush face in attractive colors and designs, first time shown in Sikeston—$1.50 and $2.75. Simmons Beauty Rest Mattress—King Bee of 'em all—invest in rest.

Comfort Chairs with ottomans, favorite pieces with men, covered with either jacquard or "home spun", $22.50 and up.

Boudoir lamps, dainty colorings, artistic designs—$1.00 to $2.50.

Aladdin Table Lamps at $5. and $6 appeal to housekeepers who prefer conventional designs in new figures to the more gaudy types.

Lane Cedar Chests, known the country over as ideal gifts for sweethearts, single or married. Pretty numbers $13.50 to $40.00.

Comfort rockers, high or low backs, in new Tapestries that harmonize with most any color scheme, $7.50 to $20.00. Diminutive Majestic Radios—"Pirate Chest" model, appropriate for the spare room and for the young woman or man away at college. Unusually attractive, $18.45. Delivery of last minute holiday purchases will receive special attention Saturday.

Adieu 1932

As the old year closes please accept our thanks and gratitude for liberal support during the past twelve months. Also be assured of our increased effotrs in 1933 to operate for you in Sikeston a creditable furniture store.

May Christmas bring you plenteous store of happiness and joy.

PORTAGEVILLE FARMER MYSTERIOUSLY SHOT FROM AMBUSH DIES IN MEMPHIS

Charles Martin, 41, Portageville Mo., farmer, who was shot and wounded from ambush last Tuesday night as he drove into his garage, died at 3:15 p. m., Monday at Baptist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

No reason for the attack could be advanced by Martin's mother and brother who were at his bedside when the end came. He was unmarried.

The body was taken to Portageville Tuesday for burial.

MERRY CHRISTMAS--HAPPY NEW YEAR

May they both mean much of good for our big family of patrons. Accept our thanks for 1932 favors and remember we want you for our friend and patron during 1933.

Del Rey Hotel

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

I will be in Sikeston for the purpose of collecting State and County Taxes on

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
December 28th and 29th

Office at City Hall

EMIL STECK
Collector Scott County

CLASSY JANE SHOP
905 Commercial
Cairo's Most Progressive Store For Women

CHRISTMAS SALE!
STARTS TOMORROW
BRINGING SAVINGS UP TO 50% AND MORE!
EVERY ITEM IN OUR STORE DRASTICALLY REDUCED!

Winter Coats
Price at
$10.75 to $16.75
$24.95 Values $39.75 Values

The Kinds of Furs That Trim Expensive Coats!
Look over our selection of Fur Trimmings . . . surely not the usual furs of such low prices! When you see how lavishly they are used . . .in scarfs, in half sleeves, in extravagant collars, you'll know that these coats are the best bargains of the season.

Black! Brown! Dark Green!
Women's, Misses' and Juniors' Sizes

WHAT WOULD PLEASE MORE THAN A
Beautiful New Dress
Priced at
$2.98 to $16.75
For Every Occasion

No matter what your needs you can find your dress in this sale. If it's Christmas formals you're planning, on we've dozens of exquisite evening things . . and just as many less formal dresses for teas and dinners and bridge parties. And if you want something extra for the office, this is your chance! By all means, do come in! Sizes for women and misses, 14 to 44.

Check These Gifts
PURE PARIS SILK HOSIERY

48 Guage, pair	69c
Silk Gowns	$1.95 to $5.95
Silk Pajamas	$5.95
Dance Sets	$1.98
Kid Gloves	$1.00 to $3.98
Fabric Gloves	50c
Crepe Silk Slips	$1.00 to $3.98
Silk Robes	$1.95 to $5.95

FORMER SIKESTON BOY BURIED TUESDAY, DEC. 13

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon, December 13 forFred Rush Welsh, age 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gid Welsh of Paragould, Ark., who died Sunday following an illness of double pneumonia, from the Full Gospel Tabernacle with Rev. Dyks of Monette in charge. He was assisted by Rev. Guy Walsh, pastor of the Tabernacle. Burial was made at Linwood cemetery.

Mr. Welsh was a native of this city, but was reared in Paragould, where, he attended the Paragould schools.

Besides his parents he is survived by a sister, Mrs. C. H. Grace of Lubbock, Texas, grandfather, J. T. Welsh of Memphis, an uncle, M. D. Welsh of Truman, Ark., and aunt, Mrs. W. A. Matthews of Sikeston, who attended the funeral.

CAPE TIGERS DEFEATED BY BLUE JAYS, 30-23

Tht Cape Girardeau Central Tigers lost their second straight game to the Charleston Bluejays on the latter's court Friday night, December 16, by a score of 30 to 23. Central had a lead of 9 to 7 at the first period, but the Bluejays scored sevreal points in the second and maintained the lead the remainder of the game. leading 24 to 16 at the end of the third period. Herbert McCullough, a forward on the Cape Central team, was out of the game Friday on account of a broken arm.

AUXILIARY NOTES

The American Legion Auxiliary held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Sr., Wednesday with a good attendance considering the inclement weather.

The business of the meeting was a donation party for the Christmas baskets that the Auxiliary will give to the needy families of veterans.

A social hour was enjoyed at the close of the business meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Harry Blanton the first Wednesday in January.

CALL

SELLARDS MARKET

Before Buying Your

Christmas Dinner

Phone 50

Nice young fat hens, alive . 15c

We dress 'em free of charge.

Fancy year old Lamb Leg 10c

Lamb Rib Stew . 6c

Lamb Roast , . 8c

Fresh Pork Hams whole 9c

Fresh Pork Shoulders, whole 8c

FANCY HOME KILLED CORN FED BEEF

Round Steak . 20c

Loin Steak . . 15c

Roast, good cuts 12 1-2c

Rump Roast, whole 10c

Rib Stew . 8c

Pure home rendered Lard, whole can, lb. 5c

Merry Christmas to Ye All

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS FROM PARIS APPEAL

Uncle Sam advanced the price of postage stamps in order to head off a postal deficit. We the people showed our displeasure by writing fewer letters, thereby making matters worse for Uncle Sam. The old gentleman levied a penny tax on gasoline to help balance his budget. Did anyone quit running a car in order to show their displeasure? On the contrary, gasoline sales increased. Figure this out if you can.

Or, it might be that a lot of this discussion over foreign debts is for the purpose of distracting attention from our domestic debts. Unless something is done to stem the tide of foreclosures one-half the town, city and farm property in this country will pass into the hands of mortgage holders before the Roosevelt administration ends. Nothing would help quite so much as three per cent money. At this rate the average property owner would meet his payments and carry on. The Government could get the money at half this rate and make a good profit on the transaction. Mortgage holders, it seems, would prefer reducing their interest to taking over pieces of real estate they could do nothing with. It is not right to make home and farm owners bear all the burden of this depression. The money lenders should make some concessions, voluntarily if possible, forcibly if necessary. To demand that a farm owner pay just as much interest when corn is 15c a bushel as when it was $1.50 or $2 is out of the question.

This is not time for wishing a merry Christmas to needy folk. It is better to give them the makings of a merry Christmas.

Another sign of advancing age is our disposition to worry over the weather. Young people find ways to enjoy themselves, no matter how hot or how cold, how wet or how dry, it may be.

Give, and it shall be given unto you—heaped up, pressed down and running over. Are there any needy people in your neighborhood, or any children who will experience a cheerless Christmas unless you come to the rescue?

Yes, friends, the nights are long and the days are cold. Three months hence, the frogs will be singing and we humans will be gardening, fishing and golfing. Why worry over the present when there are so many fine things just three jumps ahead?

Both Democrats and Republicans know what the irony of fate means. To Republicans it means the loss of jobs just when jobs mean the most to them. To Democrats it means the abolishment of jobs just when they are emerging from 12 years in the wilderness.

The medical profession seems considerably agitated over the problem of socializing its services, by which is meant the employment of physicians and surgeons by communities, counties or States. The idea is to place everybody on a common level when sickness comes or an operation is needed. Except for our reluctance to depart from the old order of things, under which all the advantages and privileges were considered inherent rights of the well-to-do, we would look with as much favor on this idea as European nations do. Russians has completely socialized her medicine and her hospitals. The poorest peasant or the humblest workingman is no longer denied the services of a skilled practitioner or the comforts of a hospital bed just because he has no money. These things are his by virtue of his citizenship and by grace of a Government which believes it is just as important to conserve the health of the poor as the health of the rich. Even in our own conservative country there is a growing number of people who cannot be reconciled to the custom of limiting medical, surgical and hospital services to those who are able to pay for them. It is just as shocking as the policy under which we hire able men as prosecutors of those who are accused of crime but fial to provide men of equal ability for their defense. If they cannot hire a good lawyer to look after their interests they must take the consequences. All this is contrary to our proud boast that the most precious possession of our nation is its people.

Your Xmas Tree

If you ony knew how hard we have worked to draw this Christmas tree for you, you'd appreciate it all the more. We couldn't hang all the presents on it we hope you'll get, but we do hope there will be dolls, an' horses, an' a drum, an' a pistol, an' everything. May it be loaded with happiness and good fellowship, and our special present to you goes, a big box of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's gifts.

Sheppard's Cafe

Turkey and Goose and All Trimmings Will Be Served All Day Christmas

LION "CUBS" ENTERTAIN FOR DADS WEDNESDAY

An unusual surprise was arranged for members of the Lions Club here at their weekly luncheon session Wednesday, Hotel Del Rey, when fourteen children, all sons and daughters of the members entertained with Christmas carols under the direction of Mrs. Bess Elder, panist. The singers included Merritt Beck, Jr., Ward Denman, Val Sharp, Hazel Young, Mary Emma and Ruth Powell, Kathryn Jane Mitchell, Charles Allen Cook, Catherine Ann Cook, Little Dick Young, Betty and Billie Anderson , John Bowman and Mary Eugenia Blanton.

MO. FARMER ENDS LIFE

Campbell, December 19.—Provoked because efforts to build a fire caused the house to fill with smoke, John W. Davenport, farmer, drove his sick wife and daughter from their home near here with a shotgun Saturday night and shot himself to death Sunday.

The body was found several hours later when Elsie, 17-year-old daughter, returned from the home of neighbors where she and her mother took refuge. Testimony at the inquest was that Davenport had been drinking. Mrs. Davenport was in a serious condition today, suffering from influenza and shock.

SHOWER FOR MRS. SMITH HELD THURSDAY EVENING

Mrs. J. H. Hayden, Jr., and Miss Vernetta Smith entertained with a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Edward Smith Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Arthur. Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Mae Lewis. Mrs. Curtis Smith assisted as hostess. Mrs. Smith received many beautiful and useful gifts. Fourteen guests were present to enjoy the affair.

Local Schools Begin Holidays

Christmas holidays will start this week for Sikeston school children and faculty members. All grade and high school students will be dismissed at noon Friday, to enjoy the holiday season until January 2 when classes will again be resumed.

Students in St. Francis Xavier day school held their annual Christmas program Thursday, and will be dismissed Friday. The school will begin again January 3.

Most of the teachers who live away from Sikeston expect to go to their homes for the 9-day vacation.

Try CLASSIFIED

WANTED—Woman for housework. Call 2530.

REWARD—For annonymous letter lost while shopping this morning.—Mrs. C. L. Essary. 1t-24

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, hardwood floors, furnace heat, hot water, private entrance. Phone 403. —Mrs. C. C. Buchanan. 2tpd.-23

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping room with kitchenette. Lights, heat and bath. Phone 298. tf-21

FOR SALE—1929 Chevrolet truck. Priced for quick sale. Phone 88.—Bess Fruit and Produce Co. 2t-23.

FOR RENT—Two-story house, close in tc business district. Modern conveniences.—J. S. Kevil. T-tf-22

FOR RENT—2 rooms, furnished or unfurnished, bath and garage. 621 Kendal Street. 1-24-pd.

An Open Letter To Santa Claus

Dear Santa:

Our patrons have been good all during the past year; good to us and good to others, too, so we are writing to ask that you bring them something nice for Christmas. Let it express to them, if you will, our thanks and appreciation to each of them.

Be sure to include lots of happiness, love, good cheer, health and prosperity.

Sanitary Barber Shop

J. M. Fisher, Prop.

Season's Greetings and All Good Wishes Together With Hearty Thanks For Favors of the Past

Powder Puff Beauty Shoppe

Our Agency EXTENDS BEST WISHES TO YOU FOR A VERY Merry Christmas

T. A. SLACK INSURANCE AGENCY

Attention Farmers!

Want to buy several carloads of clean, bright Rye or Wheat Straw.

Lemons & Poe

Phone 77

BLODGETT, MO.

May Endless Peace, Happiness and Prosperity Abide With You Now and Forevermore

HUDSON'S CAFE

Corner Malone and Ranney

LODGE DIRECTORY

BEN HUR

The Tribe of Ben Hur meets every Monday evening at the lodge rooms over the Sikeston Piggly Wiggly Store.

MASONIC LODGE Sikeston Lodge No. 310, A. F. & A. M.

The Masonic Lodge meets every first and third Thursdays of each month at the I. O. O. F. Hall at 7:30 o'clock. Officers: Wade L. Shankle, W. M.; J. Boyd Scillian, S. W.; J. H. Hayden, J. W.; A. C. Barrett, Treasurer; A. A. Harrison, Secretary.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR Sikeston Chapter No. 137

Regular meeting night second and fourth Thursday, 7:30 p. m., meets at I. O. O. F. Hall. Officers: Mrs. Eunice Forrester, Worthy Matron and W. E. Hollingsworth, Worthy Patron.

T. B. H. LODGE

The T. B. H. Lodge meets every first and third Monday night of each month at 8:00 o'clock at the room over Piggly Wiggly Store. Officers: Sherley Hopper, Past Chief; R. E. Limbaugh, Chief; Lenna Marshall, Judge; Nellie Mount, Teacher; F. E. Mount, K. T.; Mary Limbaugh, secretary.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS

Meets on second Thursday in each month. Oracle, Mrs. Olga Shupman; Recorder, Mrs. Blanche Wagner.

REBEKAH LODGE NO. 533

Rebekah Lodge ..o. 533 meets every second and fourth Friday nights of each month at 7:30 o'clock at the Odd Fellows Hall. Officers are: Noble Grand, Mrs. Alma Mackley; Mrs. Allie White, Secretary. Visiting members are always welcome.

MODERN WOODMAN

Modern Woodmen of America meet first and third Wednesday nights in each month at 7:30 o'clock, at the I. O. O. F. Hall. Officers: Consul, W. M. Rayburn; Advisor, J. A. Stovall; Banker, C. C. White; Clerk, W. C. Edwards; Escort, Leslie Rister; Watchman, C. F. Edwards; Sentry, George Adkinson; Trustee, V. I. Edwards.

ODD FELLOWS

Regular meeting every Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, at I. O. O. F. Hall. Officers: George L. Dye, Noble Grand; Willard Bennett, Vice Grand; Sidney L. Schillig, Financial Secretary; W. E. Hollingsworth, Recording Secretary; C. C. White, Treasurer.

THE MACCABEES

The Maccabees meet every first and third Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at I. O. O. F. Hall. Officers: Charles Bethune, Commander; Charles Jones, Sergeant; E. H. Smith, Record Keeper; Roy Wagner, Past Chairman.

W. B. A.

The Woman's Benefit Association mets every second and fourth Mondays, 7:30 o'clock at the I. O. O. F. Hall. Officers: Ethel Duncan, President; Stella Moll, Vice-President; Frances Moody, Recording Secretary; Minnie Anderson, Treasurer; Birdie Fox, Financial Secretary; Rebecca Pierce, District Deputy.

JUNIOR WOODMEN

The Junior Woodmen Camp meets first and third Wednesdays in each month at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoons at the I. O. O. F. Hall. Junior Director Mrs. W. C. Edwards; Field Deputy Martha L. J. Edwards.

APES AFFECTIONATE SAYS CARVETH WELLS

There are only four kinds of apes and they all know how to kiss, says Carveth Wells, famous globetrotter and Continental Oil Company radio entertainer, who promises to explode some popular myths about gorillas, chimpanzees, orang utans and gibbons during his regular broadcast Wednesday night, December 28, over NBC.

Wells didn't believe gorillas are half as wild as they are painted, so he visited the mountainous ape country around Lake Kivu in the Belgian Congo and secured the facts first hand. He also tells some of Martin Johnson's gorilla stories.

The Conoco program may be heard by local radio listeners who tune in on stations KSD, St. Louis or KTHS, Hot Springs, Wednesday night at 9:30 o'clock.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year FOR MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

J. N. WALKER TRANSFER

Season's Greetings and Sincere Thanks for Another Good Business Year

As the old year passes and we greet 1933, it is our sincere wish that it will bring you better days with added happiness and increased prosperity.

MERRY CHRISTMAS-HAPPY NEW YEAR

J. A. Young—H. C. Young

Health, Wealth and Happiness

As we approach another year we realize that we have another opportunity before us. Looking back over the past year we find many things to be thankful for. Very generous support has been given us by the people of this community for which we are truly thankful.

Another books is about to be opened . . . every page in it must bear a record at the end of 1933. We hope and will strive earnestly to make a record on every page that we can be proud of at the end of the year—a record of service well rendered; a record of work well done.

This is our opportunity; and coupled with this expression of our honest resolution, we say to all our friends and patrons, we wish for you

A MOST HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Missouri Utilities Co.

Folks---

I WISH YOU A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

BILL SHAIN

RADIO REPAIRING AND INSTALLATION

WE WISH FOR EVERYBODY A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year

Filled with Health, Happiness, Prosperity and a generous supply of MANOS CHILLI AND CONEY ISLAND SANDWICHES

Coney Island Sandwich Shop

PYRO ALCOHOL 50c Per Gallon

188 proof—formula 5

5 gal. Kerosene 50c & 90c Kerosene Can Both for $1

NAPTHA GAS 25c PER GALLON

Martin's All Weather Super-Hi-Test and Anti-Knock 13c tax paid

Better for winter than some Premium Gasolines costing 6 1-2c per gallon more.

Marco Oil 20c qt. 5 Gals. $2.69

Dual Oil 12½c qt. 5 Gals. $2.00

Tax Paid

Tank Car to You Means Better Gasoline for Less

MARTIN OIL COMPANY

Opposite Shoe Factory, Route 60, Sikeston, Mo,

GREETINGS

We desire to extend to you the Compliments of the season and to express our sincere wishes for your prosperity in the coming year.

Elite Hat Shop

Cold Type Cannot Carry the Warmth of Our Christmas Wishes

to our hundreds of loyal patrons but nevertheless we appreciate the medium of the press and take pleasure in sending our best wishes. To make you know our sincerity we have resolved to so serve you in the future as to add to your joys and take from your cares.

May you welcome 1933 and find it a happy year in which health and good times will be with you.

THE SIKESTON LAUNDRY

Phone 165

NEW MADRID COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

Milus R. Davis

In tabulating the results of the county standardized testing program we found that the following schools rated, as a whole, the highest and in the order named: Pleasant Valley, Stubblefield, LaForge, New Hope, Grape Ridge, Dawson, Hyman and Beech Grove.

Phillpis, Fairview, Maple Grove, Little River and Point Pleasant Ward tied for the ninth place. 32 schools participated in this program—all on the list but four, and three of these could not get to these meetings on account of impassable roads.

The last day of the schedule fell on December 10 which was the first day of the blizzard but this terrible weather did not prevent the pupils from Dawson and St. Mary from rallying. Such indomitable spirit deserves special commendation.

Some of the children in the county made exceptionally high scores and we found it interesting to select from the hundreds of names the pupils who rated highest in the entire county. We are giving these in order of their ranking:

Eighth grade—Ernest Allen, Scott school; Marie Johnson, New Hope; Marie Dolan, Pt. Pleasant Ward; Mary Irvin, Hyman; Howard Thompson, New Hope; Marie Puckett, LaForge; Juanita McGill, Bowman; Bettie McGlinchey, LaForge.

Seventh grade—Melvine Russell, Beech Grove; Noah Bradley, LaForge; Donald Cloin, Stubblefield; Elton Trigg, Sugar Tree.

Sixth Grade—Lucille Bailey, Wilburn; Derris Gray, Stubblefield; R. Q. Brown, Pleasant Valley; Edna Jackson, New Hope; George Gosnell, Tinsley; Junaita Puckett, LaForge; Berniece Mullen, Pleasant Valley; Violent Raybron, Hyman.

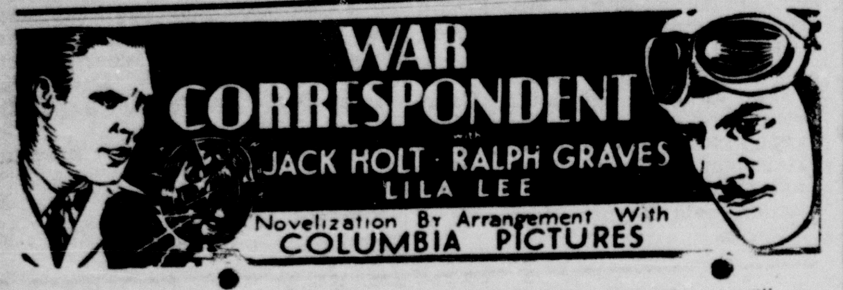
Fifth grade—Lora Scott, O'Bannon; Opal Bailey, Wilburn; Richard McGlinchey, LaForge; Marjorie Ransburgh, Dawson; Luther Hornbarger, Grape Ridge; Bonnie Tipton, Maple Grove.

Too many times students who rate high want to skip a grade, but we think it better for them to be promoted regularly and still rate high. If they skip a grade they are missing something and they might get into deep water where going is difficult and discouragement is prevalent. Better be a star pupil in the proper grade than a dullard in the grade above.

We found many bright pupils whose record looks bad only because they are in the wrong grade. For example, one disappointed little girl in the sixth grade made a total score of 180 which indicates that she is a poor student, but the fact is, that she really belongs in the fifth grade and if she is placed there, this score of 180 will entitle her to be on the honor list of pupils making satisfactory scores. 'Tis better to do standard work in the proper grade than to do poor work in the grade above.

Out of all pupils tested we found 23 per cent up to standard or above, 29 per cent within the safety limit—below standard but with a possibility of catching up, and 58 per cent in the danger zone—so low that it will be almost impossible for them to remain in their present grade and make up the deficiency.

We recommend that the teacher give these weak pupils furhter tests and if they do not show up better an adjustment should be made. The Stanford Achievmeent Test, Form X Advanced, from World Book Co., Chicago, will be good for further testing. A package of 25 costs $2. If only a few are needed we can sell them from the office.



WHAT HAS HAPPENED

Franklyn Bennett, war correspondent for the North China Times, describes the bringing down of three planes by General Ching, ace of the National Government. When Ching arrives on the flying field, General Wu Sun of the National Army, decorates him with the Order of the Golden Dragon. Ching goes to his headquarters where it is disclosed that he is in reality, Jim Kenyon, an American. Julie March, his mistress, is waiting for him. She longs to return to America, but Jim won't hear of it.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

Upon her return to Shanghai, Julie March had an experience which changed the whole course of her life. She was riding along in a rickshaw when a huge motor car struck it and took off a wheel. The owner of the car alighted and came to her.

"You bumped into my rickshaw on purpose," she accused.

"Certainly—so I could offer my car to a lady in distress," the Russian replied with a suave smile.

Julie turned away from him in disgust. "Wait a minute, you can't [illegible] lady with me. I know too much about you."

Infuriated, Julie gave him a slap on the face. The man reached forward to grab her. Bennett, walking with a group of Chinese soldiers, observed the scene. He carried his arm in a sling, but that made no difference; he rushed forward to assist the woman who was being pawed by the annoying stranger. Shoving the man roughly to one side, he said, "It's a break for you that my arm's in a sling. Don't they have any white women where you come from? Can't you tell a lady when you see her?" He hit the Russian on the face with his [illegible]."

"On behalf of the entire white race I [illegible]," said Bennett. (Posed by [illegible] with Ralph Graves)

The Russian started to retaliate, but the Chinese soldiers closed in and pushed him to his car. Bennett gave his entire attention to Julie.

"[illegible] of the entire white race, I [illegible] for what happened to you."

"Thank you." She smiled.

He [illegible] another rickshaw for her, paid the first one, excused himself from the Chinese soldiers and started to walk to the hotel with the girl.

"Stranger in Shanghai?" he inquired.

She hesitated about answering, so he continued.

"It's a bit dangerous for a girl to wander about alone, when she's dangerously attractive."

"Thank you, Mr. Bennett."

She had [illegible], and [illegible] at him [illegible]. "Don't [illegible] that I've met you somewhere and forgotten. That would be impossible."

"Thank you some more. I read the papers. Your picture is always part of your article. And I've seen you once or twice at the hotel."

"Staying at the Cathay?"

She nodded.

"And I've missed you?"

"I don't go out much," she continued.

"Well, we'll have to do something about that."

When they reached the hotel, the pair seated themselves in the lobby. They had no more than done so, when Bennett was called to the phone. During his absence Julie left and went to her room, but she was not so easily parted from the lad. Upon finding her gone, Bennett went to the desk. "That young lady I came with——Miss——Miss ——"

"Miss March," the clerk volunteered.

Bennett smiled. "Yes, Miss March, that's right. Where did she go?"

"Up to her room."

"Let me see, she's in——er——"

"Thirteen."

Bennett laughed and hastened to the elevator. A few minutes later he was knocking on the door of room thirteen. She bade him enter and was surprised to learn the identity of her guest.

"Miss March, I'm a reporter for the North China Times," he said as he doffed his cap and stood in the doorway. "Do you play Mah Jong? Neither do I. Have you read 'The Good Earth?' Me too. That's what you call passing the Buck. Pardon me for stalling."

Julie resented his intrusion, but Bennett failed to note it. He tossed his cap on a nearby divan, picked up the phone and said, "Hello. Room Service. Send up a bottle of champagne—make it a couple of bottles, and snappy, brother—life is short."

As he hung up the receiver Julie came over to him.

"What did you do that for?"

The lad fumbled. "Why, I——well, I thought I'd——"

There was a lack of anger in her voice which merely emphasized her distress. "Do I look like the sort any man can take so completely for granted?"

Dumfounded, Bennett could make no answer. She continued.

"Of course, I may be that sort of woman, but do I look it? I wish you'd answer me.

"If my conduct has offended you—"

Julie checked him. "Not so much your conduct as the inference of your conduct. You haven't answered my question."

"I'll answer it with another question. Do I impress you as a low and stupid scoundrel?"

"No," she replied. "I have every reason to believe you are quite the contrary."

"Then how can you think me capable of believing you anything but what you are? I wish you'd answer me."

"I wish I could. Maybe it's my fault. Maybe I do look that way."

"Miss March, any man who could glance at you once and get the wrong impression, deserves to be horsewhipped. If there is one thing I despise it's the filthy imitation of a man who assumes that all women—" he was interrupted by a knock on the door. The waiter entered with the champagne. "Take it out of here," Bennett ordered.

"No, open it." Julie ordered.

Bennett's face broke into a smile. His left arm came out of the sling and applauded vociferously. Julie was surprised at the sudden revelation that Bennett's arm was not crippled at all. He noted the expression on her face and inquired, "What's wrong?"

"Your arm—I thought—"

"Oh, my arm's all right," he sheepishly confessed.

"Then why do you wear it in a sling?"

Bennett took a coin from his pocket, tossed it in the air and looked at it in the palm of his hand. "Heads." He sighed. "That means I've got to tell you the truth, which I hate to do unless it becomes absolutely necessary. You see it was like this. A few months ago I got schnozzled in Paris and fell down a flight of stairs. I sprained my arm. The next day after it happened one of the newspapers took my picture. My arm was in a sling. It looked good. I've kept it in a sling ever since."

"But why?"

"You embarrass me." Again he tossed the coin and looked at it. "Heads. Looks like nothing but the truth today. Let's start this for a promise—life is pretty ugly. Agreed?" She nodded and he continued. "Well, you do what you can to dress it up. It's quite simple. A war correspondent with his arm in a sling is more interesting than a war correspondent without his arm in a sling. It's a great build-up. People ask how it happened. You tell 'em—and you lie like a trooper."

"You did think I was that sort of woman, didn't you?" Julie asked suddenly.

He hesitated. She met his eyes unwaveringly. He tossed the coin. She looked at it in the palm of his hand. "Heads. Tell me the truth—it won't hurt. You did think so, didn't you?"

"No."

She was grateful. "You're a liar—and a gentleman."

He walked over to the table, opened the bottle of champagne. "I'll have to drink to you on that!"

From then on Julie and Bennett became pals. They were frequently seen together. Newspapers picked up the account of his meeting and broadcast it in big headlines. "WAR CORRESPONDENT SAVES AMERICAN GIRL FROM STREET RIOT. Unarmed, Franklin Bennett, Braves Enraged Coolie Mob in Shanghai and rescues Julie March."

Kenyon, at his headquarters, read the story and had just finished reading it when Bennett was announced. The expression on his face was sardonic as he commanded the orderly to admit the War Correspondent. Bennett was amazed to find General Ching a white man, and his old pal Kenyon, yet he quickly masked his surprise and pretended that he had known all along.

"Hello, Kenyon."

"General Ching to you."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM BLODGETT

(By Miss Louise Peal)

The Y. W. A. met with Miss Freida Barnes Monday night.

Fred Withrow and Maborn Bailey were in Sikeston Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McLane and Mrs. Thomas spent the weekend visiting in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anderson and Miss Willine Gage were in Cape Girardeau Saturdya.

Mrs. I. H. Marshall was hostess to the Woman's Club Thursday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Steiner are the proud parents of a baby boy born Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Marshall and family and Mrs. Florence Marshall visited in Sikeston Saturday.

Mrs. George Pearman and children and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rickard shopped in Cape Girardeau Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green and son, Dean, had business at Cape Girardeau, Tuesday.

Mrs. Clint Stout and daughter moved to Ironton Saturday to make their home.

Mrs. E. C. Graham visited Mr. and Mrs. E. Burke at Charleston Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. McDaniel and family were in Cape Girardeau Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Marshall and family and Mrs. Florence Marshall will spend the Christmas holidays visiting relatives in St. Louis.

Robert Graham and Miss Jeanette Graham motored to Charleston Sunday to bring back their mother, who had been visiting in that city.

Miss Thelma McDaniel of Cape Girardeau was sick Sunday and Monday. She is at home with her parents now.

Among the many who are sick in our town are: Mrs. J. T. Huey, Miss Ruby Nunell, Mrs. J. E. Godwin, Isaac Marshall and several others.

The Methodist revealing party for sunshine friends will be held Wednesday, December 28th, at the church basememt.

The officers that were elected for 1933 O. E. S. are as follows:

Worthy Matron—Mrs. A. Marshall
Worthy Patron—O. L. Spencer
Associate Patron—Mrs. George Buchanan
Conductress—Mrs. Roy Green
Associate Conductress—Mrs. M. McLane
Secretary—Miss Maxine Pearman

Installation will be held January 10.

MISS EMILY BLANTON RECEIVES PRAISE FROM MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL HEAD

R. V. Ellise, local school superintendent received the following letter recently relative to a Sikeston high school graduate now attending school at Blue Mountain College, in Mississippi.

"In September, 1931 you sent to us as a member of our freshman class, Emily Ann Blanton, who, I believe was the youngest girl in your graduating class of the preceding spring. We have found Miss Blanton to be a splendid young woman of high principles, unusually co-operative disposition, and delightful personality.

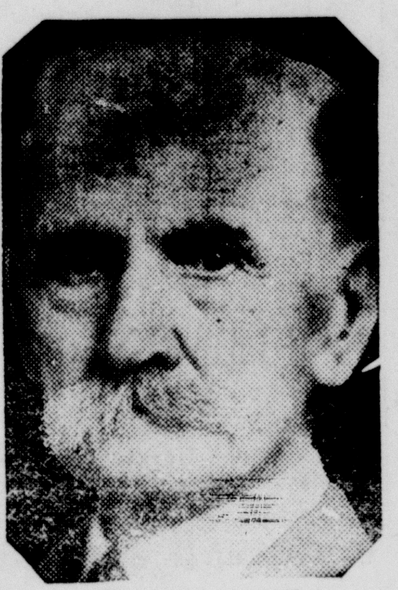
"She has made a satisfactory scholastic record, having received no deficiency reports in any subject during the present year, and in fact, so far as I know, she received none last year.

"Last session she was elected to membership in one of our leading literary organizations, the Eunomians, which group also plays a leading part in our college athletic activities. She has been serving as secretary of our Epworth League and has taken a vigorous interest in our annual operetta 'Pinafore', which the students are producing this year and which will go on tour as far as our State University, at the Mississippi Baptist College for men, and a number of other prominent centers.

"Miss Blanton is quite popular with students and faculty, and we are grateful to have such young women in our college family; and I believed you would be interested to have these facts about one of your products.

"Yours very truly,
"LAWRENCE T. TOWERY,
"President".

They Relate Their Experience



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Corsages of Valley, Violets, etc.	$1.50 to $5
Blooming Plants	75c to $5.00
Novelty Pottery filled with plants	50c up
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We desire, on the threshhold of a New Year, 1933. to thank every individual in this District who has patronized the Frisco Railway through the Sikeston station, either as a passenger or a shipper, for the business that has been accorded us during 1932. We have tried to serve you faithfully, honestly and courteously and promise you that if you give us the opportunity during 1933 we will make every effort to please you.

The Frisco Railway Management and Employees Wish You a Merry Christmas and Happiness and Prosperity During 1933.

TOM MALONE, Agent
Sikeston, Missonri

Here's Wishing You and Yours
the Merriest Christmas
and the
Happiest New Year
Yon Have Ever Known

RUSSELL WALKER
Manager
New Madrid Street
KROGER STORE

Happiness and Prosperity During 1933 Is Our Wish For You

On behalf of the management, myself and the employees of the the local office of this great Railway System, we desire to express our appreciation, both to the Sikeston Shippers and Passengers, for the large volume of business you have given us during 1932, and to assure you that in return for a continuance of this patronage during 1933 we will give you the best service possible.

J. E. ROBINSON
Sikeston Agent

MISSOURI PACIFIC LINES

CHRISTMAS DAY

IT IS not definitely known when Christmas was first celebrated. The institution of the festival is attributed to Telesphorus, who flourished in the reign of Antoninus Pius (131-161 A. D.). The reason for the final choice of December 25 cannot now be determined. As Christianity spread, the feast of the winter solstice, the time when the day begins to increase, and light to triumph over darkness, was changed into the Feast of Christ, the Light of Life.

1932

The Christmas Carolers Are Welcome Everywhere

"HERE come the Carolers."

So it used to be. Young faces pressed against the windowpane, straining to hear the cheerful carols outside. Perhaps it was the story of the Christ child put to tune or a ballad of love and cheer. When the singers were done the householder invited them in for a bite and a sup, or gave them a coin or two for their song.

Then on to the next house, to sing again under the stars or veiled behind sifted snow.

And then, in the early morning, home again to their own firesides.

It was a good old custom, this midnight minstrelsy in the season of peace and goodwill. "With the beginning of Yuletide, twelve days before Christmas day," as Percival Chubb tells us in the Standard, published in New York by the American Ethical Union, "small bands of musicians went the rounds and, 'in the mire' or on the road or on the steps, played the old folk tunes as a lyrical prelude to the great day." To some of the antique ballad airs, like "Good King Wenceslaus," says Mr. Chubb, the singers would add a hymn tune or two—"Once in David's Royal City" or "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." "Punctuating the bustle of domestic preparation for the coming feast, these ministrations in the still night gave a breath of poetry that touched the spirit of Christmas with an endearing beauty. Day by day the tide of joyous anticipation rose until the crescendo broke into a forte of exuberance."

Those simple days of the folk are gone, says Mr. Chubb; the glory is departed.

But the custom of making the rounds on Christmas eve to sing carols of peace and good will on earth still prevails here and there.—Literary Digest.

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Make Christmas Burden, Be Unhappy Rest of Year

IT IS so customary nowadays to hear disparagement of Christmas as a season of vanity, selfish display, greed and covetousness that we like to point out the other side. Some of our cynics declare that Christmas gifts are themselves dictated by self-interest—that they are meanly offered in the hope of a return—with interest—or are an exhibition of vanity. And yet, who would dare to say this of a mother, who deprives herself to give happiness to her children, or of the girl who willingly foregoes some little vanity for the pleasure of her parents? People who make Christmas a burden and a tax show the same attitude throughout the year—their own false standards of living are to blame, and not this holy festival—Rural New-Yorker.

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"A Merry Christmas," as Other Nations Say It

THIS is how the nations of the world express the wish "A Merry Christmas": France: Bon Noel; China, Tin Hao Nian; Portugal, Boas Festas; Japan, Kinga Shinnen; Turkey, Ichok Yilara; Hungary, Boldog Karacsonyi Unnipeket; Greece, Chrystovjena; Croatia, Sretan Bozic; Holland, Een Vroolijk Kerstmis; Spain, Felices Pascuas; Germany, Froehliche Weihnachtan; Sweden, Glad Julen; Italy, Felice Natale; Rumania, Cracium Felicitatiune; Bohemia, Vesele Vancoe; Poland, Wesolych Swiat; Denmark, Glaedelig Jul.

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EXCHANGED PRESENTS

"What makes Dobbs so angry?"

"He gave Christmas cards instead of presents to all of his friends."

"Well?"

"They did the same to him."

With the Churches

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Sunday morning services—10:45

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Sunday School—9:45. Classes for all.

Morning worship—10:45. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "The Christmas Spirit".

Epworth League—6:45.

Evening Worship—7:30. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "The Road to Bethleham".

The public is invited to worship with us.

E. H. OREAR, Pastor

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The annual Christmas program by members of the Sunday school will be given Friday night, December 23. Christmas tree and treat for children.

Sunday, December 25—

Sunday school—9:30.

Morning Worship—10:45.

In charge of the session.

At 7:30 o'clock Sunday night, young people and adults of the congregation will present the annual Christmas Pageant.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school 9:30 Jack Johnson, Superintendent.

A Christmas program will be given by the Sunday school. There will be a tree, and Santa Claus will be present.

B. Y. P. U.—6:30.

The Spizzeranktum Union will give a playlet, entilted "The First Christmas".

Evening worship—7:30.

Sermon by the pastor.

Subject of sermon: "A Child is Born, a Son is Given".

There will be special music at the evening hour.

The public invited to worship with us.

LESLIE GARRISON, Pastor

W. M. U. TO MEET AT CHURCH NEXT THURSDAY

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will hold its meeting at the church next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The program will be given by Circle No. 1, while Circle No. 2 will serve the refreshments. All members are invited to be present.

T. E. L. CLASS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday evening nineteen members of the T. E. L. Class of First Baptist church, enjoyed their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. R. M. Feltner. The house was prettily decorated in Christmas colors and a tree. During the social hour a turkey contest and the play "Is There Arry Train North Today" was enjoyed by the members. Those taking part in the play were: Mesdames W. W. Lankford, Dean Marshall, Boyd Scillian, Elmer Trible and Misses Rebecca Pierce and Millie Jones. There was exchange of gifts by the members and the donation of eatables taken, will be put into baskets and given to the needy for Christmas. A short business session was held, after which refreshments were served by the hostess.

The next meeting of the class will be held with Mrs. Leslie Garrison Tuesday evening, January 3.

XMAS PARTY ENJOYED BY ARBUTUS CLASS MONDAY

Approximately 24 persons were present to enjoy the annual Xmas party of the Arbutus Class of the local Baptist church held in the church basement Monday night, December 19. A delightful covered dish dinner was served, after which a short business meeting was held, and the Christmas gifts for the class's orphan at Pattonville, Mo., were displayed. During the social hour, members were surprised by the arrival of Santa Claus, who distributed the gifts that were to have been exchanged.

The next regular meeting of the class will be held at the home of Mrs. John LaFont Monday evening, January 2, with Mrs. C. E. Gardner assisting as hostess.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MOREHOUSE

(By Dories James)

John Clutcher of Esser was a business visitors in Morehouse Friday.

Earl Parker of Blytheville, Ark., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker, here, Friday.

Mrs. R. M. Beinert and daughters were Sikeston shoppers, Saturday.

Mrs. Haley and daughter, Ethed Mae, and grandson, Willis Maxey, were Poplar Bluff visitors Monday.

The Morehouse public school was was closed Monday and Tuesday while workers were repairing the furnace which burst Friday.

Mrs. S. T. Clayton was able to resume her duties as teacher, this week. after being ill the past month.

Wm. James had business in New Madrid, Monday.

Among those who shopped in Sikeston Saturday were Mrs. O. M. Headlee and daughters, Betty Lou and Carol Jean, Mrs. Don Headlee, Mrs. Josie Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Maxey.

Mrs. Ida Mae McVey of Morehouse and Mrs. Mackennally of Steele will leave Friday to spend the Christmas holidays in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Dade Bryant had business in the county seat, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Fisher and daughter, Kathryn, joined the treasure hunt in Sikeston Saturday.

Mrs. A. W. Colyer and son, Charles, were in Dexter on business, Monday.

Henry Gully and Mrs. Paul James and Miss Imogene Love of Sikeston visited in Morehouse a short while, Tuesday.

Harry Luer of Cape Girardeau looked after business matters in our city, Saturday.

Cecil Brown was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mathis of Sikeston Saturday night.

Mrs. Ruby Hines and Miss Wave Parker of Bloomfield visited with friends here last Thursday.

Send your evening dress for special attention. Phone 127 for a Faultless man.

TO EACH OF OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS GREETINGS

We are caught up in this great inspiring, helpful spirit of the Yuletine season—it is our wish that new jobs not known before may come to you and abide with you through the days and weeks and months of the New Year.

May your mind be brighter; your Heart be lighter and may the joy of giving and the pleasure of a richer life be yours in 1933.

Because of your fine loyalty to this business in the past we send this word of Greeting for Christmas and the New Year and wish here to also express our sincere thanks and lasting gratitude to each of you.

To continue to serve you is a privilege we seek and in which we will find pleasure.

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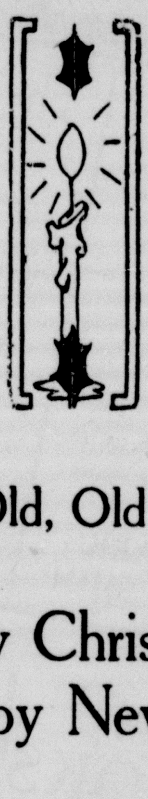

The Old, Old Wish

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

is our Greeting to every one of you.

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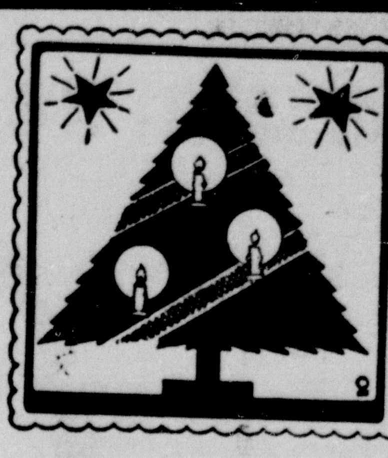

Our Christmas Wish

for our good friends is that it may bring you in touch with those you love and that together with those friends and relatives you may revel in wholesome, helpful enjoyment

For 1933

We are hoping each day will be filled with happy hours in which you will accomplish much for yourself and for others.

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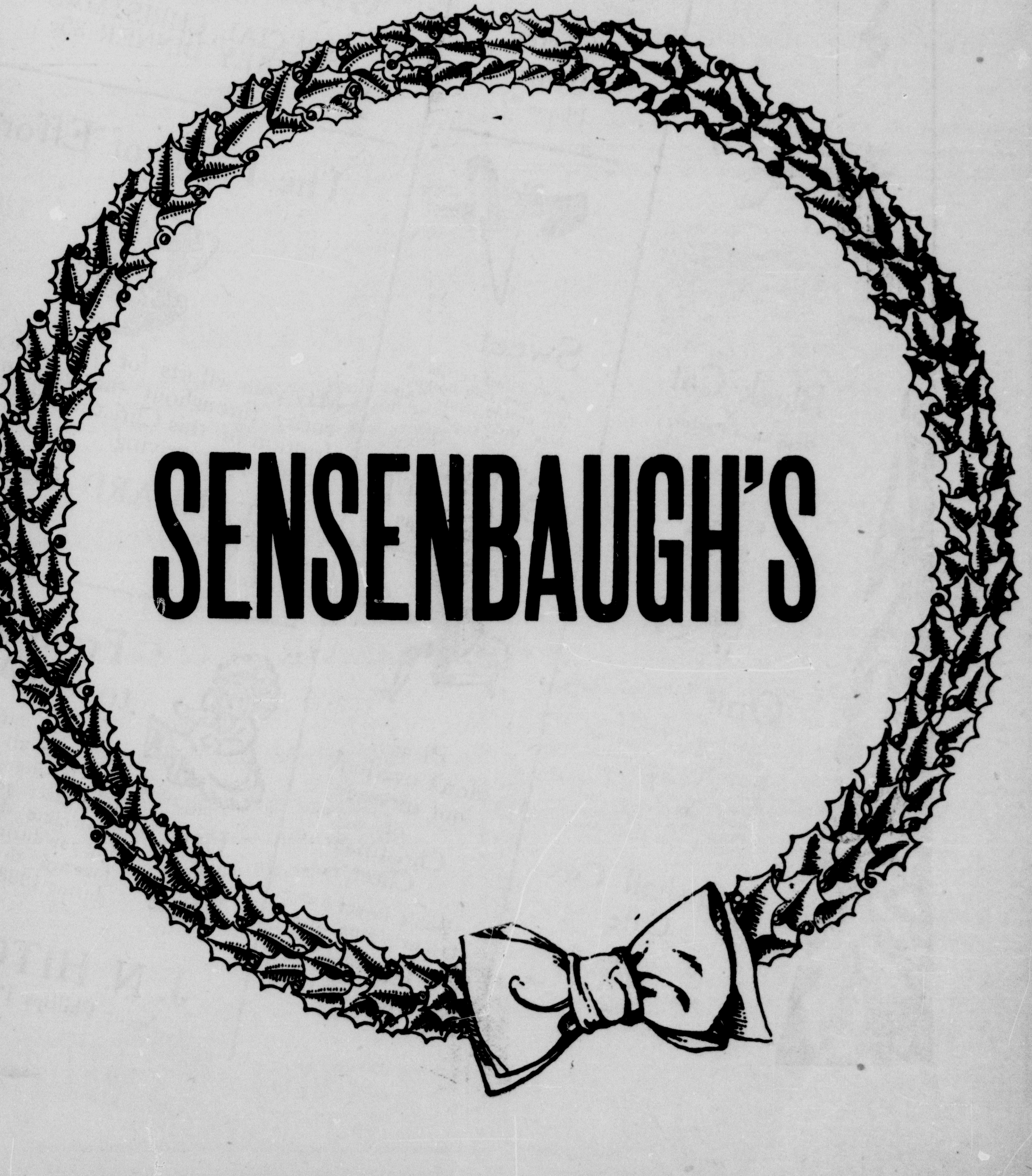
Groceries and Hardware



SENSENBAUGH'S

MERRIE CHRISTMAS

Ables Shoe Hospital hopes that Santa Claus' reindeer will bring you a sleighful of good cheer and good fortune.

20 Years Serving Sikeston

A GLAD YULE

for this year and many years after is our wish for you.

DICK SPARKS BARBER SHOP

The Jefferson Hotel

announces the hope that each peal of the Christmas chimes rings in a bit of good luck for our friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Nall

THE season's greetings to our many friends. May the joy of Christmastide be yours in full.

HUGH STEWART

A GOOD old fashioned Christmas, replete with cheer and jollity to you and your dear ones. May the blessings of the day attend upon you.

SOUTHSIDE GROCERY

J. W. MARSHALL

Parks' O. K. Barber Shop

hopes that Santa brings you all the good things of life.

YOU CAN'T LEARN IT IN BOOKS!

THAT good old fashioned Christmas Good Will and Jollity must be read in the smiles of our friends. To you and your dear ones we proffer our expression of sincerest Good Cheer.

Xmas 1932

GLORIA'S CAFE

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TURKEY DINNER 35c

We Wish

YOU ALL

The Season's Greetings and an abundance of happiness during the NEW YEAR

Sikeston Coal Co.

Blessings On Your Home

May the Christmas gift of Providence for all your household be permanent prosperity, good health and happiness. This is our Yuletide wish to all our friends . . for 1933 and every other year.

P. E. Crawford and Family

MAY the GUARDIAN ANGEL protect you and yours from all ills from this day forth—our Yule wish.

Eva Newton
Hemstitching and Art Shop

Santa promises a joyous Yule this year. May his prophecy come true in full to all our friends.

Carter Store
Phone 97

The blessings of prosperity attend our friends! This si our earnest and pious wish for the 1932 Yuletide.

Black Cat
Opp. Shoe Factory

Sweet be your rest on Christmas Eve. Gay be your fun on the Yule. All good things go with you!

STEVE SCHROFF
Conoco Station

The Fruits of Effort

May your efforts for prosperity and security throughout the year meet with fruition on this Christmas day. Success attend your striving.

STANDARD OIL CO.

Ruskin McCoy
Bill Keller

Frank Kindred
Ben Sells, Jr.

Christmas . . .

—a day of Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men. It is the day when we express our gratitude and friendship to those patrons to whom we owe success.

Jewell Coal Yard
Phone 69

A FEAST OF GOOD WILL

YULETIDE is the time of good cheer and good will. We are in tune with the times; for we wish all the blessings of Providence upon our friends.

Heller Shoe Shop
Opposite Dye Hotel

One day stands out beyond all others as a day of Good Will and Jolity. On that day—Christmas—we wish a lifetime of Peace and Prosperity to our friends and their dear ones.

Marshall Cox Cafe

1st door W. Malone Theatre.
Visit Us After the Show

Please don't overlook our message of Christmas Cheer

Don't forget our low prices on tires.

Trousdale Service Station
Phone 422

From BABY to GRANDPA

Dec. 25th 1932

We wish our friends and their loved ones all the good things of life; lasting health, prosperity, good cheer and happiness. We appreciate the privilege of serving you during the year, and look forward to renewed friendship during 1933.

J. N. HITCHCOCK
Agent Phillips Petroleum Products

Xmas 1932

For some of us 1932 may have had its share of gloom and worry. But now is come the golden tide of Christmas, bringing with it joyous serenity and genuine good cheer. May the Christmas spirit last during all the New Year.

Sikeston Building and Loan Ass'n

Dividends for Past Six Months $6888.04
We paid out during December $5000 in loans and $5000 in matured stock.

We are still selling stock. See us for our plan

FIRST last, and always we wish you the choicest blessings of Providence. May this Christmas and many others see you in health and wealth.

Sinclair Oil Company
Fred "Lefty" Sheible
Agent

SNS

Mince Pies Prohibited in Days of the Puritans

THE mince pie has had many enemies.

The Puritans would have none of it, and even in the Eighteenth century it was a forbidden delicacy to a large number of clergymen. During the Commonwealth the holding of Christmas festivals was forbidden.

In 1644 parliament passed an act ordering all citizens to observe Christmas day as a solemn fast, to be spent in silent atonement for previous festivals that had passed in riotous living and merrymaking. This order remained in force for 12 years.

The authorities in several towns tried to reduce Christmas day to the level of other days. In Canterbury, by order of the mayor, it was proclaimed that "Christmas day and all other superstitious festivals should be put down."

People who attended service in the cathedral were mobbed. The inhabitants formed themselves into two parties, and feeling in the matter frequently resulted in the exchange of blows.

In 1652 it was proclaimed that "no observation shall be had of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day, nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches."

The order was enforced by soldiers. Ovens and larders were searched, and where seasonable dainties or decorations were found they were carried off and destroyed. A changed attitude towards the Puritan dislike of Christmas festivities came with the restoration of King Charles.

Ghostly Christmas Bells to Greet Merry Yuletide

AMONGST the bells which will ring out to greet the coming Yuletide will be many ghostly peals, heard no other night in the year; for tradition says that the bells of all buried churches join the chorus every Christmas eve.

There are the bells of Raleigh, once a prosperous village in Nottinghamshire, now only a country valley. All sign of habitation was swallowed up many years ago by an earthquake. It is said that every Christmas eve the bells of the old church are heard to ring again. A legend of this kind is told of a country church near Preston, the very name of which nobody knows.

In Holland the story of the city of Been is told every Christmas. This wonderful place was famous for its magnificence and beauty, and also for its wickedness and shamelessness. One day the whole city was swallowed up by the sea.

The submerged bells of Dunwich, now covered by the sea, are said to join the ghostly chorus.

1932

Celebrated Christmas on Way to North Pole

CAPTAIN SCOTT and his men on their way to the Pole once celebrated Christmas day by having a wash in a cupful of water each, and by washing their shirts. On another occasion, after being on short rations they kept Christmas day by consuming such luxuries as raisins and chocolates for breakfast, and for supper they indulged in four courses. First of all, there was a full whack of pemmican, with slices of horse meat flavored with onion and curry powder and thickened with biscuit, then arrowroot cocoa and biscuit hoosh sweetened, then plum pudding, then cocoa with raisins, and finally, a dessert of caramels and ginger. "After all this," says Scott, "it was difficult to move. Wilson and I couldn't finish our share of the plum pudding. We felt thoroughly warm and slept splendidly." But the advance was slow the following day owing, probably, to the tightening of the night before.

THREE YULETIDES

THREE Christmases are celebrated every year in the Church of Nativity at Bethlehem. The first occurs in the Roman Catholic section on December 25; 13 days later the Greek Orthodox church hold their celebrations, to be followed by those of the Armenian church in another 18 days.

1932

The Christmas Mince Pie

The inevitability of hot mince pie on the Christmas board explains why it is well for the national digestion that there is only one Christmas dinner a year.

One Sad Thing About Christmas

The saddest thing about Christmas is that the good fellowship the day inspires too often withers with the Yule tree and is tossed out of doors.

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa:

I am just a little boy 7 years old. I go to Sunday school and school. Now, Santa, I have heard many remarks about you. Some say you fell and broke your neck, but I'm not believing what I hear I'm looking for you. I want a truck, a cowboy suit, a train and Santa do not forget my little friends take them something nice. Oh yes, remember my two grandpas, Mathis and Briggs. They are both looking for you.

JNO. FREDERICK MATHIS

Dear Santa:

Just to remind you that Xmas is just around the corner and I haven't forgotten you, thanking you for what you brought me last Xmas. Please remember the other boys and girls and please remember the sick and afflicted of our town. Now Santa, I would like to have you bring me a fire truck, wind-up train. This will be all. Please remember Mrs. J. M. Klein and my grandma and grandpa Briggs and grandpa Mathis.

THOS. MATHIS

Dear Santa:

As Xmas is just around the corner I thought I'd better write you a few lines. I have been waiting to let other girls and boys get their letters in, so Santa, if you have something left after you give all other little poor girls and boys something, you can leave me whatever that might be. Santa, please remember Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mathis. Don't leave out anyone and do remember those who are sick and who have nothing at all for oh there are so many.

MILDRED HELEN MATHIS

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl about 30 years old. I have been good all year, so please bring my boy friend a new car. I am tired of riding in an ambulance, so don't forget me.

RUTH NITMEN

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 8 years old, in the second grade. I want you to bring me a gun, car, airplane, aviator cap and fruits and candies.

BILLY COMER, JR.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 2 years old, so don't forget me just because I am little. I want a doll, a new coat, a horn, fruit and candy. Don't forget my two big sisters and my big brother and dear mother and dad. O. K. Santa.

JOYCE ELAINE COMER

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 10 years old. I want you to bring me a pair of skates, a doll, a box of hankies, a pair of hose, also fruit, nuts and candy. I am in the 5th grade in Miss Ragains' room. Don't forget her and also don't forget Maudie and Beulah. Be sure and bring them something nice.

WANDA GALE COMER

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 2 years old and I want to tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a little red wagon, a tricycle, doll and doll buggy, doll bed and dishes. Don't forget nuts, candy and fruit, too. Remember all other little girls and boys. And please don't forget my Uncle Charley Henson, for he wants a tricyle too and a rubber bird dog and a real good BB gun. This be all for this year.

JACKIE COLLEN BROWN

Dear Santa:

I am a girl 16 years old. I have brown wavy hair and brown eyes and weigh 170 lbs. I want you to bring me a bowl of chili and also a new boy friend. I would like to have one that works on the railroad.

LAURA DAVID

Dear Santa:

I have been asking folks to give me a pair of silk hose for a long time. They haven't given them to me so Santa, will you please bring me a pair for Xmas? Size 10 and any color will be all right. I certainly will thank you.

LUTE JACKSON

Dear Santa:

Here we are again this Xmas looking for you, but we are not asking you to bring us very much. We'd like to have a football and a watch and bring our little brother, Jimmie, a doll and a watch. We will be pleased with anything you bring us. We'd like to have some candy, nuts and apples. Please do not forget little Mary, Jno., Virgie Mae, Jewell, Bille, Rosalee and also Aunt Sida Kitty.

TED and T. V. HUNTER

P. S.: Don't forget Mr. and Mrs. Joyner.

Dear Santa:

Dear Santa:

I am 65 years old and I want to thank you for the nice Xmas presents I got last year and I hope to be remembered this Xmas and receive lots of nice things, but of all the nice presents you got, I want a powder puff and a cook apron. And Santa, don't forget my little friends, Jimmie Turner, Virgie, Sonny, A. J., Larry Jean Hale, Claude Turner, Russell Turner, T. V. Hunter, Charles Randolph, Ted and Jimmie Hunter, Watson Evert, Milard, Fred and Thomas Mathis and Evelyn and Gene Klein.

GRANNY WEATHEON

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll. Let her name be Emily, because my girl friend's name is Emily. Please bring Berniece Husher a hot water bottle and this will be all.

RALPH BAKER

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy about 13 years old and I am in Miss Tanner's room in the sixth grade. Don't forget me and my little brothers. You can bring me a baby doll and a little train and don't forget Howard Wilson. Bring him a nipple and bottle.

LESTER BAILEY

Dear Santa:

I am a boy 12 years old and I want you to bring me a bottle and a a can of Eagle Brand and bring my pal, Sibert Harding, a cap pistol and a rope so he can play cowboy and Indian with me and don't forget to bring me a pair of flannels.

HOWARD WILSON

Dear Santa:

I am a big girl. I am 11 years old in the sixth grade and in Miss Tanner's room. Santa, now I know you will give me what I want, for you always do. Please bring me a new bottle for my other one is old. Bring Elwood Taylor a new green shirt.

MARY EMMA HEATH

Dear Santa:

I want you to bring me a doll that is black and has kinky hair and a bottle and nipple and don't forget my school teacher, Miss Tanner, a strap with her name engraved on the inside, send Miss Dalton a new Don Evans, because he has almost talked her out of her senses.

EMILY KENDALL.

Dear Santa:

Just a few lines to let you know what a few of my friends and I would like to get for Xmas. I would appreciate it very much if you would bring me a new cowboy suit like the one Cecil Montgomery got last year. I would also like to get a new horn, tricycle, and Santa, please don't forget to bring me a bottle of mustache blacking. My friend, Cecil Montgomery, would like to get a new derby hat, a pair of spats, a green necktie and a new pair of red flannels. Henry Hazel would be very well pleased if ou would bring him a new puddle jumper so he could go to St. Louis and see his girl friend, Alma Nunn. Kelly Humes wants you to bring him a little "Dolly". If you will send these few gifts to us and remember all other little kiddies, we will be very happy.

HUNTER LIMBAUGH

Dear Santa:

I am only 17 years old and in the 12th grade. Bring me a quart of "lye" whiskey and a plug of Star tobacco. Don't forget Jack Fitzgerald's baby doll.

"LUKE" REED

Dear Santa:

I am a small boy, 19 years old and I am in the 12th grade. Bring me a package of Crazy Crystals and a book. Don't forget Margaret and Genevieve.

"MONK" JACKSON

Himmell, Mo.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl four years old. I live at Himmel, and help my mother sometimes. I have tried to be good. I have taken care of things you brought me last year, and thank you very much for them. This year I would like for you to bring me a doll buggy, a drum and some candy and nuts. Don't forget the other little boys and girls who live out here.

BETTY ANN FRAZIER

Dear Santa:

We were so happy to see you in town Saturday. We know now you will visit us on Xmas Eve night. We are Norman Ray and Velma Burse, 5 and 6 years old. Please bring us a doll and buggy for Velma and a buddy truck, a gun and top for Norman Ray. Do not forget any little boys and girls this year. We want them to be happy too.

NORMAN RAY
VELMA BURSE

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy about 28 years old. My nickname is "Peg". I would like for you to bring me a new basketball team for the one I have has gone girl crazy. If you have a book similar to Leonardo Da Vinci I would like to have it because I enjoy reading books of this sort. I wish you would send Cletis a new Rule Book so he may call charging with the ball. Bring me a new line of jawbone because the one I feed my Social Civics class is about run out. I can never forgive you though, because I lost my vote last election. Please send me the latest Ballyhoo, and the January issue of True Story. I enjoy reading them very much.

W. E. "PEG" MAHEW

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl. I want a doll, a string of beds, a ring, a story book, a set of dishes and some jacks and a ball. Please bring me some paper dolls. Remember Mr. Stallings and bring him some candy because he has been a good little boy.

AGNES ERLI

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a teddy bear, a set of ABC blocks, a cap gun, because dad is going hunting. Please wake me up and talk to me. Remember my little play mate, Miss Cowan and all the other little teachers.

THARON STALLINGS

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl and I am 3 years old and I want a doll that sleeps and a doll buggy for my doll, and some nuts and candy and fruits. And please do not forget the little children who will not get anything and do not forget my daddy and mother.

VIRGINIA LEE LATHOM

We Greet You
and
We Thank You!

May this Christmas be all that you could hope it to be and mya the year 1933 be one of continued happiness, peace and prosperity for each of you.

Scott County Abstract Co.
BENTON, MISSOURI
HARRIS D. RODGERS, Mgr.
Farm Loans, Long Times, Low Interest Rate. Correspondence Invited

THE GOODWIN COMPANY
Wishes that all may enjoy
PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS
This Christmas and Throughout the Coming Year.

All I have to offer is
Good Cheer
A Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

Joseph W. Myers
Police Judge and J. P.

HAPPINESS

Christmas belongs primarily to the young—young in heart. And these are going to be happy under nearly any kind of circumstances. Are they not much wiser in this than those of us who would surrender many of our days to gloom.

Certainly they are. And this firm is joining hand in hand with all those who in spite of the depression are going to spread the Gospel of Good Cheer.

SUEDEKUM & SON
HARDWARE CO.
CAPE GIRARDEAU

EVERYBODY WELCOMES CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season calls us from the toil of and care of business to the refreshment and rest of play and merriment. The change is a salutary one. Too much business worry not only impairs our health, but, what is worse, it impairs our spirit. For the person with a crabbed and sour spirit has completely failed in life. Let us, then, forget for a while the bother and pother of money affairs and together enjoy to our everlasting good a wholesome period of gladness, hope and refreshment to the soul.

C. B. POAGE & SON
Distributor of
ADLER RADIATOR Shields MELLOW Warm Air Furnaces
Ideal Liquid Heat Oil Burners, Superfex Oil Burning Heaters
Johns-Manville Asbestos Shingle Roofs
Phone 674W Sikeston, Mo.

If We Could Only Be Your Santa Claus

We'd fill your needs of life with the things you most need and desire.

To all our patrons we send the season's choicest greetings and express our lasting thanks for favors of the past.

We look to the future in the hope of continuing to serve you.

Annes Beauty Shop

We Send This Message of Appreciation To All Our Many Friends and Patrons

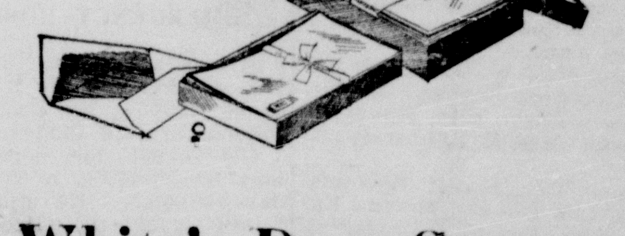
. . . and sincerely trust that we have so served and satisfied you that we may have your business during the coming year. If we have pleased you, tell others; if we have not, tell us.

WOLF'S HOUSE FURNISHING CO
119 N. Main St. Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Flowers

CHRISTMAS—the time of good will and sentiment. Can your greetings be conveyed half so appropriately by any other messenger than lovely flowers?

CADE, The Florist
Cairo, Ill.



GIFT Stationery

LETTER-WRITING is a pleasure, not a task, on this distinguished initial stationery—an inexpensive quality gift.

White's Drug Store
Phone 274—Sikeston Trust Co. Bldg.—Sikeston

AT THIS GOOD CHRISTMAS TIME

It is a matter of much satisfaction to us that we account the good will of our friends among the chief assets of our business. We have long had the vision of Good Will and Helpfulness among men. Now that the Merry Christmas times are here again we hasten to express our wish that

Our Friends and Patrons and all others will enjoy a most Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

HECHT'S
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

News of The Town

MRS. C. M. HARRIS, Phone 581

Miss Emily Blanton, a student at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., arrived home yesterday morning to spend the Xmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Blanton.

Send your holiday cleaning to us for that proper attention. Phone 127—the Faultless Cleaners.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gocke of East St. Louis are expected Saturday to spend until after Christmas with Mrs. Gocke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keith.

Miss Alma Harris of St. Louis is visiting her father and sister, C. H. Harris and Mrs. Walter Clymer and family. Others expected for Christmas day are: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kneibert and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis of Jackson. Mrs. Kneibert is another daughter of Mr. Harris.

Send your holiday cleaning to us for that proper attention. Phone 127—the Faultless Cleaners.

Henry Calhoon of Akron, Ohio, stopped in Sikeston Wednesday for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. George H. Barger, while enroute to his home at Wynne, Ark., to spend Christmas. Mr. Calhoon was a former resident of Sikeston and has been at Akron the past five years, where he has employment in a tire factory.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Orear were in Charleston Tuesday, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Ogilvie.

Miss Carrie Nell Mount has been absent from school this week on account of having the flu.

James Law spent yesterday and today at Clinton, Ky., visiting with friends.

Mrs. W. T. Malone and daughter, Mrs. C. E. Brown of Charleston were visitors in Cape Girardeau today (Thursday).

T. F. Sewell of West Plains is expected Saturday to spend over Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. W. T. Malone and Mr. Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Johnson of St. Louis will come today (Friday) to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Welsh.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown of Charleston will spend Christmas here with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Malone.

By mistake The Standard misquoted the price on roses for the Sikeston Greenhouse in the Tuesday issue of the paper. Roses which should have been priced at $1.50 per dozen were quoted as fifty cents per dozen. Mr. Woehlecke assures the public that these are exceptional values.

Gord Dill was in St. Louis on business yesterday and today.

H. J. Welsh is able to be out again, after a severe case of the flu.

Send your evening dress for special attention. Phone 127 for a Faultless man.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carroll will spend Christmas day and Monday at Fredericktown with Mrs. Carroll's sister, Mrs. E. P. Francis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ellis and children, Lila Lee and Murray Edwards, of St. Louis, are visiting with Mrs. Ellis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Sitzes. They came Tuesday, having been called here by the death of Mr. Ellis' brother, Louis Ellis. They will remain until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ensor and son, John Richard, will leave tomorrow (Saturday) for Dyersburg, Tenn., to spend Christmas with Mr. Ensor's parents, Rev. and Mrs. John O. Ensor. They will return Monday.

J. M., Jr., and Bob Sitzes will go today (Friday) to Bessville, where they will spend a week visiting with their uncle, John M. Sitzes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Scott were visitors in Cape Girardeau yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lumsden and children will spend Christmas with Mrs. Lumsden's mother, Mrs. J. L. Helton, at Cape Girardeau. Miss Valene Helton, who lives here with her sister, will accompany them to the Cape and will remain during the holidays with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruskin Cook of St. Louis came yesterday to spend until after Christmas with Mr. Cook's mother, Mrs. C. A. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Hebert Lumsden of Urbana, Ill., arrived here yesterday to visit until Saturday with his brother, David Lumsden and family. Saturday, they will go to Canalou to spend Christmas holidays with Mrs. Lumsden's mother, Mrs. Sarah Lumsden. Mr. Lumsden is attending the Illinois University at Urbana.

Mr. and Mrs. Farris Walker of Caruthersville and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bains of Newport, Ark., arrived Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. S. A. Swanagon, mother of the two ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Tinder of Poplar Bluff are expected Christmas day at the Swanagon home.

Among the college students who are here to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents are: Z. W. Kilgore, Carroll Sutton and Miss Hazel Lumsden of Central College, Fayette; Misses Ruth Felker and Virginia Mount of Christian College, Columbia; Garwood Sharp, Kendall Sikes, Conley Purcell, Robert Mow, Robert Dempster and Miss Edith Becker of Missouri University Columbia; Ralph Bailey, Jr., John Denman, J. L. Garrison, Anderson Hayden, P. D. Malone, Billie Fox and Misses Ann Beck and Lillian Reiss, of Southeast Missouri Teachers College, Cape Girardeau and Miss Emily Blanton of Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.

Misses Mayme Jean Wilbur, Mary Lou McCoy and Elmer Poage shopped in Cape Girardeau Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Griffith are here from Monett, Mo., to spend the holidays with homefolks.

After being kept in bed for the past two months, Jake Sitzes is able to be up and about his room. Here's hoping Santa Claus will bring him renewed health.

Miss Roberta Noble of Chicago will spend the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noble.

Fred Rodman of St. Joe is expected to spend the holidays here with Mrs. Rodman, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kendall.

We are glad to report Miss Lucille Kendall as improving in health, after a six weeks' illness.

Peggy Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lair, is ill of the flue at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Lair, Sr., at Charleston.

Miss Nadine Sellards, who is teaching near Festus, is expected Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sellards.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson and children, Billy and Betty, left yesterday for Jacksonville, Ill., to spend over Christmas with Mrs. Anderson's mother, Mrs. W. R. Huckaby.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Converse expect to leave Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives at St. Louis and University City.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sellards and daughter, Miss Effie, of Flat River and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wilson of Leadwood are expected Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Sellards. They are expected to be here for the week.

The Royal Neighbor Lodge will meet at the I. O. O. F. Hall Friday afternoon, December 30. The meeting will convene at 2:00 o'clock and all members of the lodge are urged to be present, as at this time election of new officers will be held.

Miss Mae Bean visited her sister, Mrs. Grover Drake, at Canalou from Saturday until Wednesday.

Mrs. Jake Carroll and children and Miss Mae Bean left Thursday for Duquoin, Ill., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with the former's mother and sister, Mrs. John Graham and Virginia Branum.

Mrs. Grover Drake of Canalou shopped in Sikeston Wednesday.

Dr. L. N. Frazier, of Wooster, Ohio, formerly located in Sikeston paid The Standard office a social visit Thursday forenoon. The Doctor has many friends in Southeast Missouri, who are always glad to see him.

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Grace Asher of Cooter, Mo., returned Sunday to the home of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Vincent at New Madrid.

Gid Daniels has hopes that he may be permitted to spend Xmas day at home. His injuries sustained during the December 13 garage shooting affair are healing splendidly, and Gid is on the road to recovery. One of his distinguished guests Thursday afternoon was Ben Cain, postoffice inspector and close friend.

Mrs. Robert Poage and son are getting along nicely.

Mrs. Herbert Vowels of Charleston and daughter are in good health. The child was born last Sunday noon.

George Bartlet, Sikeston youth who argued recently with a dough break at Schorle Brothers' Bakery, accidently crushing one hand, was released last Saturday. He is on the road to recovery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors who assisted us during the recent death of our son and brother, Louie Ellis. We wish especially to thank Rev. Finis Jones for his comforting words, and those who brought floral offerings.

Mrs. Sallie Ellis and Family.

Dear Santa:

Here I am again this Xmas. I am a little girl of 17 years, weigh 123 lbs. I know that times are hard, but there are a few things you can bring me that won't cost much. But I would like a new boy friend. Santa, I am not hard to please, but do not bring me a boy friend with black hair or grows a mustache or one of those gigilo type. I like a blonde haired fellow with blue eyes and a keen sense of humor and a sweet smile. Please do not send me a pool room sheik, but one that will always be on hand when I want to talk to him. Please don't forget your little girl friend.

EVA JOHNSON

P. S.: Please think of my other boy and girl friends.

Dear Santa:

I want a set of dishes, a floor lamp, an electric iron, electric stove, a radio, a piano. But don't forget other boys and girls and their mothers and fathers. Bring them some toys too.

LINDA MATTHEWS

Dear Sanat Claus:

I am only a poor barber, but I have not forgotten you. Santa, I wish you would bring me a new pair of shoes so I won't have to borrow dad's on date nights. And dear old Santa, don't forget my girl at La Forge. Be sure and send her something nice as she is only a little girl 17 years old and weighs 173. And don't forget all my friends. Send something nice to them.

WILLARD PARKS

Dear Santa:

I am writing to you to let you know I still believe there is a Santa Claus. because I received a pair of garters and a handkerchief last Xmas. If you will please bring me a life-like baby doll I would wish a marriage license and a man to go with it. Please have him blue eyes and dizzy blonde. That's all Santa.

EUNICE SAYLORS

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll, a trunk a new dress, some slippers, some gloves, a tam, a tricycle, a stove, a cabinet some nuts, apples, or- a cabinet, some nuts, apples, or- don't forget the other little girls and boys.

MILDRED LAMBERT

FACTORY AND BANKS TO HAVE HOLIDAY

Both Sikeston banks, the Trust Company and Bank of Sikeston will observe "second Christmas Day" by remaining closed all day Monday, December 26. International Shoe Factory employees quit work Thursday evening at the usual hour, to remain off duty until December 27.

MUCH-POSTPONED PLAY POSTPONED UNTIL JAN.

The high school glee club operetta will be given during the second week in January, according to an announcement from Supt. Roy V. Ellise today. The musical playlet has been set and reset tentatively on several previous occasions, when influenza and, following that, cold weather interfered.

COMMISSION DENIES APPEAL FOR REHEARING IN UTILITIES RATE CASE

Bulletin

Jefferson City, December 21.—The State Public Service Commission today denied a rehearing to the Missouri Utilities Co., which recently was ordered to file new electric rate schedules in its "northern group" in Southwest Missouri, with a view of saving consumers approximately $100,000 a year.

The commission denied the rehearing without comment and ruled the order into immediate effect.

The company is expected to carry the case to the courts.

Under terms of an order filed November 1 by the Public Service Commission the Missouri Utilities Company was ordered to file by Tuesday, December 20, a new schedule of electric light and power rates to effect an estimated saving of $100,000 annually to consumers in 26 Southeast Missouri towns.

According to T. A. Martin, district manager of the Missouri Utilities Company here, the new schedule was prepared in ample time for filing, but he had not been advised Wednesday regarding action before the commission. The new rate structure, if accepted, would be effective January 1.

One primary cause set forth by Mr. Martin justifying the rehearing asked for, was the discrepancy between valuations for rate making and taxation purposes. According to Mr. Martin, several instances could be set forth in the district where the company valuatino for purposes of taxation were as much as $100,000 more than the valuation established by the Public Service Commission for rate making purposes.

Towns and cities affected by the new rate schedule are Cape Girardeau, Illmo, Fornfelt, Ancell, Kelso, Chaffee, Oran, Morley, Marston, Benton, Blodgett, Bertrand, East Prairie, Anniston, Morehouse, Essex, Dexter, Bloomfield, Bernie, Parma, Lilbourn, Dudley, Fisk, Charleston and Sikeston.

SAFE BLOWERS WORK HARD BUT GET ONLY $1.56 IN RAIL DEPOT

A party of safe cracking burglars who Monday night or early Tuesday morning blew the I. C. Depot at Villa Ridge, Ill., are or should be, convinced that a depression is on.

It must have taken quite a bit of time to force a waiting room window, and then force through a door to the office. Time evidently was consumed, also, in drilling through the steel door, placing the "soup" and finally touching off the blast . . . The safe contained exactly $1.56 in money and two express packages.

Railroad detectives are checking up on possible loss of other items, including tickets and blanks.

W. C. T. U. HELD MEETING WEDNESDAY

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. J. H. Kready. Mrs. Amelia Smith was leader of the program and the subject was 'Alcohol and Athletics". A vocal solo, by Mrs. Jesse Hamby, piano solo, Miss Kathryn Clark and a vocal duet by Mrs. Hamby and Mrs. Vern Edwards, was also a part of the program.

After the program a short business session was held. A change was made in the meeting day, from the third Wednesday to the second Wednesday in each month. The meeting place for next month will be announced later.

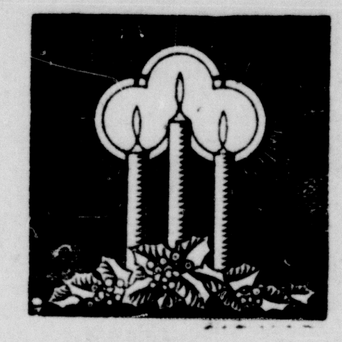
Sikeston Standard. $2 per year.

Happy, Smiling Faces Tell Us 'Tis Christmas Again

And we are sending this message to express the hope that your smiles will be caused by GENUINE pleasure. We hope it will be the MERRIEST CHRISTMAS you have ever experienced and that you will go out of the Yuletide holidays in a New Year of HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PLENTY.

We thank you for your business during 1932. We'll try harder than ever to please you during 1933 if you favor us with your patronage.

TYER'S GROCERY



May You Look For and See the Bright Side of Life

May the joy of this happy yuletide inspire you to continue as the days go by to look for the BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE and as you look for it WE HOPE you CAN SEE IT in all its genuine reality, bringing you those things you have longed for during the years past.

We want to thank each and every one for patronage, large or small and to kindly ask that you consider us for your need in our line during the coming year.

WOODS DAIRY

A & P's CHRISTMAS VALUES

MAY WE SUGGEST

IONA FLOUR

24 lb. Bag 3 for $1.00

48 Pound Bag 65c

PURE LARD	3 LBS.	19c
SEEDLESS RAISINS	4 LB. PKG.	29c
A GELATIN DESSERT JELL-O	3 PKGS.	23c
GINGER ALE CANADA DRY	2 BOTS.	23c
A. & P. Grape Juice	2 pts.	25c
ORANGE LEMON CITRON PEEL	LB.	29c
ASSORTED CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATES	5 LB. BOX	79c
NEW CROP MIXED NUTS	LB.	19c
PILLSBURY and GOLD MEDAL FLOUR	24-LB. BAG 55c	48-LB. BAG $1.09
IONA BRAND PEACHES	2 No. 2 1-2 cans	29c
"PURE GOLD" BRAND CALIFORNIA NAVEL ORANGES	DOZ.	25c
EATMOR BRAND CRANBERRIES	2 LBS.	10c
CALIFORNIA CELERY	LARGE STALK	25c
Grape Fruit	5 for	25c

Special Meat Values

Smoked Bacon, Sugar Cured	lb.	10c
Hams, Skinned, Sugar Cured	lb.	11c
Salt Side Meat	lb.	7½c
Link Pork Sausage, its pure	lb.	10c
Beef Steak, juicy and tender	lb.	15c
Pork Hams, whole	lb.	9c
Beef Roast	lb.	13c
Dressed Hens Young and Fat	lb.	15c
Fresh Oysters	Pint	23c

Food A&P Stores

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO. Middle Western Division

If Winter Comes and the Winds Blow

You can depend upon our municipal light plant for continuous service, free from interruptions due to long transmission lines. Your plant, being in Sikeston, produces an even supply of current with regulated frequency so accurate that you can use an electric clock and be assured of correct Naval Observatory time. If you are being served by Sikeston's Power Plant, you are contributing to Sikeston's greatest asset, producing its greatest source of revenue outside of taxation.

See that your neighbor and merchant is on your lines—it's your plant.

Board of Public Works

Our Christmas Wishes

If all our Christmas wishes for you were loaded on Santa's big sled the load would be so heavy that Dunder and Blitzen scarce could move.

So when we think of Santa's great big job, of visiting millions of homes, our Christmas wishes just come back down to the joyous old greeting—

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

JOHN G. POWELL INSURANCE AGENCY

Attention, City Taxpayers!

Personal, Real Estate, Poll and Cemetery Taxes Are Now Due and Payable. You Have Only 8 More Days Until the Penalty Goes On

Do not wait until the end of the month for you may not be able to secure prompt service. Pay now and save yourself money and inconvenience. The Collector's office in the City Hall is open every week day from 8 a. m. till 6 p. m.

N. E. FUCHS, Mayor
ELMOS TAYLOR, Collector

The Best Christmas Ever

Who sighs with sentimental memories of the merry Christmas of long ago? Who likes to dream of the old coach, crowded inside and out, rumbling over the roads, carrying weary travelers home for Christmas?

Well . . we must confess that we do. But in spite of memories that time has mellowed, we're far from wishing such Christmases back. We can well remember them. Very few people were fortunate enough, in those early days, to have a goose or a turkey for Christmas; and the majority were lucky, indeed, if they could get even a good piece of beef.

This Christmas would be much merrier if young people only realized that, in spite of present-day difficulties, times are much, much pleasanter than they were in the "good old days". May you have the best Christmas ever.

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.

The Leicht Press
N'paper Field Dept.
Winona, Minn.

To Each Subscriber, Advertiser or Patron of Our Commercial Department The Standard Extends the Greetings of the Season and Wishes Prosperity in 1933

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THE EDITOR *SAYS—*

Some way or other Christmas brings a tenderness to the ordinary person that no other season brings. For one we confess to have passed the 69th mile post of life and since we could remember there has never been a time that Santa Claus did not remember us. As long as our Mother lived, she saw that Santa did not forget us and since her passing, our own children have attended to the wonderful custom. These things brings people closer to one another and make life worth living. May the custom never die.

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Of all the actors concerned in the Hunter tragedy, those to be most pitied are the helpless widow, who cried aloud to be left alone, and the innocent children of the dead man. They are truly the shorn lambs of adversity, the greatest sufferers, the blameless victims of circumstance, held powerless in its fatal web. At times life presents itself in such confused discrodant and exasperating forms, and the undertone of mourning and despair are so deep and dreadful as to impress us with the thought that even if there is no God we sorely need one to minister to sick souls and bind up wounds which are beyond the reach of the physician's skill and care.—Commercial Appeal.

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Beatrice Fairfax, whoever she is, says you're more likely to find THE girl for a farm wife in the field instead of the dance hall, and she told the truth. However, the way conditions are, it will be a hard matter to keep her in the field or on the farm after you get her.

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We have known people who were smart but lacked common sense. Sometimes we think too much education has ruined many a man. They have too much education to work and can't make a living without it.

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This paragraph is not aimed to be personal, but general. House and store rents are too high at this time while other things are at a low ebb. We are aware of the fact that the price may not be too high to realize a fair profit on the investment, but salaries and wages have been trimmed in some lines very close in order to divide with all the force, and landlords should consider this end of the problem. Foodstuffs and wearing apparel have come down and rents should follow suit, then taxes, insurance and light rates. This is in order that we may all live in fair comfort.

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Fletcher Henstep, who always a big hand to brag on what he has, now boasts he owns a razor-back pig that can root up 20 bushels of potatoes to the acre.—Commercial Appeal.

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It was very sweet of our daughter, Catherine, to send us from Washington as a Christmas gift, a book on modern Dahlia culture, illustrated, that we value very much. Interested friends are welcome to peruse it any time as it can be found in our library at home.

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Washington Hocks says how so many of us get fooled is not being able to tell a friend from an acquaintance.—Commercial Appeal.

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FIRE DESTROYS FARM HOME OF B. B. FORREST

The dwelling occupied by B. B. Forrest and family on the Ward farm one-half mile from Matthews, was destroyed by an early Sunday morning fire, originating from a defective flue. The blaze had gained such headway when discovered by Mr. Forrest, that it was impossible to save more than a few personal effects and clothing. Neighbors organized a bucket brigade and saved a nearby smoke house and barn.

DEATH CLAIMS CHILD AND MOTHER IN 2 DAYS

New Madrid, December 21.—Two deaths in his family within two days was the sad experience of Henry Stevens of this city. A two-day old son died Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and Monday death claimed the mother. Mrs. Stevens was the mother of five children, four of whom and the father survive. She was born in Kentucky, but had lived here with the family for several years.

Burial was in New Madrid cemetery.

Sam Brady will join his wife and baby for the Christmas holidays.

Poke Fazley has been appointed to take up collection at the Hog Fork church. They selected him because he has a patch on his pants, and for that reason ought to get more, as he walks up and down the aisle.—Commercial Appeal.

Let us be happy!

THIS has been a hard year for all of us—a year of many disappointments and discouragements.

But now Christmas is almost here.

Happiness is in the air.

Let us focus our eyes on that guiding star which led the Wise Men to a poor abode, and in the warmth of its glow rekindle in ourselves the genial flame of charity. Let us crowd out of our hearts all fear, all foolish foreboding of disasters that may (but probably will not) come to us and those we love.

Let us, for the day at least, forget the things that worry us. In their places let us substitute thoughts of the many things for which we may be thankful. Let us forgive our enemies and lean more heavily upon the staff of friendship. Thus each of us will become a center of happiness and able to spread that cheer which is at the heart of Christmas observance.

Let us be happy!

It is in this spirit that we send you this greeting for a Merry Christmas and the wish that all of us may carry much of the spirit and blessings of the day into every other day of the year. Thus shall we draw nearer to the fulfillment of the ideal typified by Christmas.

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Shoots Self After Wounding Father; Mistaken Identity

Everett Moore, World War veteran of near Hornersville, is recovering from a wound inflicted by himself when he found that he had shot his father, M. L. Moore, thinking he was a burglar in their home early Saturday morning. The elder Mr. Moore suffered a cheek wound. The son then turned the gun on himself when he learned what he had done. The bullet passed through his skull above the left eye. He was brought to the Veterans Hospital, St. Louis, where his recovery is expected.

The son who fired the shot is a veteran who has been out of the army only a year and a half or two years, after serving some five or six enlistments, and since the death of his mother, has made his home with his father. Only a few weeks ago they moved Mr. Moore's stock of goods from Kennett to Treasure Island, east of old Cotton Plant, where the father has been operating a small store on the land which is being farmed by another son, C. H. Moore, also a former resident of Kennett.

The father and son, Everett, made their home in the rear of the small store building, their living quarters being curtained off from the main room of the store.

About 5 o'clock Saturday morning, the father got up to build up the fire which he kept burning in the store, and was sitting in a chair in front of the stove, when, without any warning whatsoever, the son fired one shot at the father. The steel-jacketed bullet passed through the left side of his upper lip, and passed under and thru the nose and out through the right cheek.

After shooting the father, the son put the pistol up to his forehead and fired one shot, which entered about the temple and came out the top of his skull, evidently following the curvature of the cranium, and missing the brain.

The father, after he was shot, rushed from the house and ran to the home of his other son, C. H. Moore, where he exhibited his wounds and said that Everett Moore had killed himself.

After caring for his father, C. H. Moore went to the store building, where he was surprised to see Everett Moore washing the blood from his wound, and attempting to dress it.

MAN KILLED, ANOTHER HURT WHEN AUTO HITS

Hayti, December 20.—M. W. Rhodes, 45 years old, former employe of the Frisco Railroad, was killed, and Richard Odel, 40, an employe of the Hayti saw mill, was seriously injured yesterday when they were struck by an automobile driven by Charles Jenkins, Pemiscot County Assessor.

Rhodes and Odel were walking along Highway 84 and were struck officers were told, when Jenkins attempted to pass a truck. Jenkins was released without bond.

SANTA CLAUS ANSWERS LETTER OF LITTLE GIRL BY BRINGING BABY BOY

Last week the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Keller wrote Santa Claus, asking that this patron saint of children provide her with a baby brother for Christmas. Santa evidently read the letter. Her brother was born in Southeast Missouri Hospital, Cape Girardeau last Tuesday.

Mrs. S. E. Swanagon of this city is the mother of Mrs. Keller.

14 IN CHAIN GANG BOUND FOR PRISON

Fourteen prisoners, including four white men, one negro woman, and nine negro men stopped briefly Thursday morning at Phillips 66 Intersection Station enroute to Jefferson City to begin prison terms. The Dunklin County sheriff and a deputy were in charge of the group.

2 Men Hold Up Oil Station In Morehouse and Abduct Owner

Special to The Standard.

Morehouse, December 20.—Two men driving a Chrysler sedan, bearing Illinois license plates, held up the Standard filling station, located on Highway 60, just back of the Forrest Hotel here, abducted the station manager, Doc Reeves, and escaped with $20.60 and six gallons of gas which they failed to pay for.

Reeves was preparing to close the station for the night when the car drove in from the east on Highway 60. The occupants asked for six gallons of gasoline. Having received the gas, one of the men tendered a bill, and as Mr. Reeves turned to enter the station for change, the men produced a gun and ordered him to "stick 'em up". After robbing the safe, the men bound Reeves, blindfolded him and drove about one and one-half miles west of Morehouse into Stoddard County, turned off the car lights, released Reeves, and drove away still without lights.

Officers at Poplar Bluff were notified at once, but it is thought the men turned off on a side road.

One of the men was described as weighing about 190 pounds, and wearing high-top boots, leather coat and a dark overcoat. The other weighed about 135, was dark complected, and wore dark clothes. Both men seemed to be about 35 years old.

WELL DRILLING STOPPED UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS

With a test hole sunk to a depth of 200 feet, drilling of the new municipal well was stopped during the present cold weather. Work will be resumed after Christmas, according to Lon Swanner, commissioner of the water department.

Mrs. J. R. Elkins, who has been ill for some time, is able to be up a little each day now.

Charges Against Ruby Pearl Crumby Dropped Wednesday Was Sweetheart of Killer

Ruby Pearl Crumby deserted here by her former lover, Lewellyn J. Hunter, who shot it out with the law and escaped after murdering one man and wounding another in a garage gun battle December 13, was released from prison Wednesday night, according to Sheriff Tom Scott, who accompanied the woman, her brother, Sgt. Detective E. M. Crumby and the latter's attorney, Julian Cohen here on their way to Memphis.

The murder charge against Hunter, in which his former sweetheart was held as an accomplice, was automatically dismissed by shotgun slugs fired by Sgt. Crumby last Monday morning. A letter from Chief Gerk, St. Louis, presented to the sheriff by Attorney Cohen, dismissed any possible charges arising from the theft of the automobile in which Miss Crumby and Hunter rode to Sikeston. "We found no grounds for filing charges against Miss Crumby", read the letter in part from the St. Louis chief of police.

The woman was held since December 13, when Hunter decided to shoot his way out, after his arrest here by Trooper H. G. Brooks and Gid Daniels, night marshal, on a telephone request from Howard J. Turnbull, another State highway trooper stationed at Fredericktown. The couple was involved in an automobile-truck accident near that city, left the scene of the wreck, and fled to Sikeston.

After a day of questioning, officers finally learned the name of her brother, Detective Jack Crumby of Memphis, who began a relentless pursuit which ended in the death of the killer in another gun battle Monday morning near Jackson, Tenn.

The action of Scott County officers seems to please those vitally interested. Gid Danies when interviewed, expressed the opinion that Miss Crumby possibly saved the life of her lover by warning him not return to the front part of the garage after shooting the night marshal and Cnnnie Reed, but her action unquestionably also saved the life of Daniels, who was at a decided disadvantage to cope with Hunter.

The main score was evened, however, in the death of Hunter, and story-book like, it fell the lot of Miss Crumby's brother to even the score.

Lions Christmas Treat For Poor Children To Bring Joy to Thousand

It is bad enough to be poor and to find that Old Santa has skipped on through the city and countryside without stopping over for a very welcome visit, but it is much worse to be expecting Santa and later find out that he ran out of good things to eat, and toys with which to play just before reaching our home.

Well, this year, the Lions Club Santa Claus is not expected to "run out" of candy, oranges, toys and what-not. A Standard representative had a "look see" this week, and after checking up on the loads of supplies, reached the conclusion that there certainly would be plenty of everything to go around.

For instance, the storeroom contained in round numbers, one thousand one hundred half pound bags of candy. Into each one, Santa had stuffed an orange or two. That should provide sufficient sweets for two or three hundred tummy aches, and perhaps a toothache or two.

In another department, toys, toys, and more toys were stacked. There were dolls, big dolls, little dolls, rubber and celluloid dolls, sleeping dolls, and dress-up dolls—about 400 or 500 assorted dolls to make 400 or 500 assorted youngsters happy. And for those who are not inclined to "take" to dolls, Santa had provided trains, airplanes, automobiles, trucks, and toys of all kinds.

The Sikeston Lions Club works all year to put on this annual Christmas party. It usually stages an amateur play, presents a number of dance entertainments, and in a dozen ways raises funds throughout the year with which to buy candies, fruits, and toys for the Christmas party.

Two big trucks will start their rounds about 8:00 o'clock Sunday morning to distribute gifts. One will be furnshed by the Robinson Lumber Company, and another by either Bill Jones or J. N. Walker—both having offered their services.

A dozen or so Lions Club members will accompany the trucks to assist Santa in distributing the gifts to children in Sikeston and vicinity.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS TO BE DISTRIBUTED SATURDAY

The annual distribution of food baskets to needy families in this city and vicinity will be made Saturday in ample time for the preparation of meals Christmas day. As usual the Sikeston Lions Club will furnish one dressed chicken for each basket. Wednesday a total of 115 fowls had been prepared, and the committee was making arrangements to take care of an anticipated call for 10 or 15 more. The two bakeries here, Schorle Bros., and Welter's Bake Shop have donated sufficient bread to supply all baskets.

A free motion picture benefit show, staged under Lions Club auspices last Saturday, brought in a huge lot of foodstuffs. Admission was granted to children upon payment of some article of food, potatoes, canned vegetables, jellies and fruits predominating. All food thus raised was turned over to the Methodist and Baptist churches for distribution through their respective agencies. It was also offered to other church denominations who had perfected plans for giving food baskets this year.

Under the plan adopted several years ago by the Methodist church, members of that denomination, Sunday school and Bible class students and others donate food. Two years ago the Lions Club offered to supply one dressed chicken for each basket.

This precident has been enlarged upon to include any organizatoin in the city wishing to avail itself of this donation.

The Methodist plan embraces all poor, needy or helpless families in the city without regard to denominational choice. A list is submitted annually by Lon Swanner, and enlarged upon by members of a special committee in the church. An effort is made to supply only those actually in need of assistance.

The Baptist church usually confines its activities to those allied with that denomination. Approximately 32 baskets of food will be prepared at the church Friday night for Saturday distribution.

SERVICES HELD FOR LOUIE ELLIS WEDNESDAY

Funeral services were held at the Welsh Funeral Parlor Wednesday afternoon 2 o'clock for Louis Ellie, 26 years old, son of Mrs. Sallie Ellis of this city. The young man had been under treatment at a State hospital for a mental disorder, and died Monday after an acute illness of about two weeks. Rev. Finis Jones officiated at the services. Interment in Carpenter cemetery.

Besides his mother he is survived by four brothers and two sisters.

KINDERGARTEN TO OPEN MONDAY, JANUARY 16

According to Superintendent R. V. Ellise, kindergarten classes for children of five years of age will begin Monday, January 16, for the regular mid-year term.

Lewellyn J. Hunter The Killer Is Dead

Thus was swift, sure justice in its most elemental form, meted out to the ex-convict romeo who deliberately shot and killed Connie Reed, local garage man, and wounded Gid Daniels, night marshal, in a gun battle for freedom early Tuesday morning, December 13. Seven days later, his relatives were making plans for his funeral.

He shot it out with the law as he said he would, but the "law" won. In this case, the "law" assumed the person of a former friend to whom he had sent word that he would not be taken alive. The slugs which ended the life of this unusually large, powerfully built Memphian were fired by Detective Sgt. E. M. "Jack" Crumby, brother of the girl deserted by Hunter as he made good his dash for liberty at Sensenbaugh's garage. It came after a relentless pursuit by the detective brother of his former sweetheart, left in the lurch facing charges as a material witness.

Detective Crumby visited his sister Sunday morning, and stopped briefly for a chat with Sikeston acquaintances that afternoon, leaving here about 2 o'clock. He arrived in Memphis about 6:00 p. m.

A tip, giving the hideout of Hunter came to Crumby about 2:30 o'clock Sunday night from Jack Argo, 542 Vance, former pal of the gunman, who furnished transportation to the home of Fred Buffalo, farmer living about five miles north of Jackson, Tenn., and about 84 miles from Memphis. Crumby, Jimmie Robinson, a friend, and Argo, drove to the farm house, got a thorough knowledge of the layout of the place, after which Argo returned to Memphis, while Crumby drove into Jackson, where he secured the services of Sheriff Tom Patton and two deputies, Alfred Key and Hugh Mainard.

"We waited until about 7:15 o'clock Monday morning before we drove out to the place", Crumby explained to Sheriff Tom Scott and M. E. Montgomery, who with a Sikeston delegation visited Memphis Monday night to identify the body. "We swung into the lane leading to the farmhouse, with my car in front. Hunter was sitting down eating breakfast as we arrived, but the minute he recognized my car, he broke out of the back door and made a run for the barn, shooting as he went. I let him have it with a pump gun loaded with buckshot, and he dropped. He fired twice more after he was down. Then he died".

Inspector W. T. Griffin immediately communicated with M. E. Montgomery, who accompanied by Sheriff Tom Scott, Brown Jewell, Sgt. R. R. Reed, Trooper Hubert Brooks, Clay Mitchell and a Standard representative, drove to Memphis Monday afternoon. The body had not yet been removed from Smith's Funeral Parlor in Jackson, Tenn., when the Scott County delegation arrived. Arrangements were made by telephone to have the body brought to Memphis immediately, and about 8:30 o'clock, the Scott County group entered the Collins Funeral Home to identify the slayer. He is a huge man, bearing out the description given by Gid Daniels here. The body had not been greatly disfigured. One slug, or a close pattern of pellets, had entered his right temple, passing completely through his head, and probably causing instant death. A dozen more shots struck various parts of the body.

Sgt. Crumby made every effort to co-operate with the Scott County authorities, and was largely responsible for a very pleasant visit with members of the police and detective force of Memphis. His father, R. H. Crumby, 65 years old, was introduced. The elderly Memphis policeman was choked with emotion, but he expressed satisfaction that the unfortunate love affair of his daughter had ended as it did. "He led us to believe that he was separated from his family" said the elder Crumby. "I guess she loved him".

During a dinner at the Mandarin Cafe at which Sgt. Crumby was host, he told the story of the killer's last fatal attempt to "shoot it out with the law".

"He had sent me word that he'd rather I wouldn't work on this case, because he would hate to be the one to kill me", Crumby told his Missouri guests. "He had boasted to his pals that he would not be taken alive".

Fred Buffalo is a well digger living north of Jackson, Tenn. His wife and Mrs. Hunter at one time were rather well acquainted, and to this house Hunter came under pretext of going hunting for a week or two. He came there last Thursday night, having previously called at the American Express office in Memphis for a handbag which contained clothing belonging to his former lady friend, Miss Crumby, and which had been checked through from St. Louis. Buffalo claimed that Hunter used the name R. C. Lewis, the same under which he registered at the Melbourne Hotel, St. Louis.

The entire Missouri delegation Monday congratulated Sgt. E. M. Crumby upon the splendid manner in which the case was handled. "We of Scott County want you to know that we believe this affair ended exactly right", Sheriff Scott told the officer. "If he had to die, I am glad that it fell your lot to close this case as it did".

Commissioner Cliff Davis said Monday that no action would be taken by him against Sgt. Crumby.

A search of Hunter's clothing disclosed a wallet containing four $1.00 bills, a watch, and a blood-stained copy of the Memphis Commercial Appeal which Sunday carried a story relative to the $100 reward for the arrest and conviction of Hunter. His gun, a nickle-plated .38 caliber Smith special, was found near the body. Four shells had been exploded. The killed died with three new cartridges in his hand. In the Buffalo home were two loaded .12 gauge automatics. "I'm thankful he didn't get to those before he left the house", observed Sgt. Crumby.

Just what disposition will be made of Miss Ruby Pearl Crumby's case could not be stated Tuesday morning. However, Prosecuting Attorney M. E. Montgomery held a lengthy conference with Sgt. Crumby and his attorney Julian Cohen in Memphis Monday night. The girl wlil probably be released, since Hunter's death automatically cancels the charge of murder. Officers are now of the opinion that the woman was primarily a misguided victim of circumstance.

Another bit of silent tragedy was enacted Monday night just as the Missouri group was leaving the Collins Funeral Home. Mrs. Hunter and her two children entered the place as the Missourians left.

That afternoon she had refused an interview with Memphis news reporters. "Go away, go away", she cried. "Oh God, I've already got more trouble than I can stand. Go away", she screamed. "Please! For God's sake, leave me alone!"

In Benton the other woman, Miss Crumby, merely sobbed when told by M. E. Montgomery that her former lover had been killed. "I'm sorry Ed had to be the one to do it", she cried. She had reference to her brother, Sgt. Ed Crumby.

As far as Ed Crumby is concerned, it was a big job, but it ended perfectly although it meant cutting another nick in his gun stock—the ninth during the busy life of this young police officer.

Memphis officers who held an informal round table discussion of the case with the Missourians Monday night claim that Hunter had been notorious for years for his vicious disposition. "He served one prison sentence for robbing chain stores", they said. "One of his favorite stunts was to frighten the crowd in a store by shooting holes in cans and bottles on the shelves.

"We failed to place our hands on him at once after he got back to Memphis after the Sikeston shooting, but we heard from him. Several informants told us he had boasted he would never be taken alive, but would shoot his way out".

Homer Short Breaks Into Memphis Jail On Bogus Check Charge

Homer Short, the former Southeast Missouri football star, at home in Caruthersville, but known from Michigan to Tennesse as the man of a dozen names and the writer of hundreds of bogus checks finally closed his spotted career in the Memphis holdover. Federal and local officers hold warrants ranging in seriousness from charges of rape to issuance of bad checks.

Short's record as filed in the local office of Highway Patrol E headquarters, gives the following names under which he operated in various parts of the country: Homer Shaw, C. S. Rodgers, Homer Thomas and Homer Harris.

Last summer he drove into Sikeston, and was identified by several Sikeston football players. His criminal record was not known at that time, and Art Sensenbaugn gladly cashed his check for $5.00. Short returned later and floated another check for a similar amount, pointing out to the station attendant that Art had previously endorsed his check. He received another $5 bill.

Since that time officers were informed that Short is wanted for theft of a Chevrolet coach, forgery in Missouri and Tennessee towns, and on a rape charge filed in Michigan several years ago.

A Standard representative learned Tuesday morning from Manager Scott of the Chisca Hotel, Memphis, that Short had been jailed in that city. The much sought after Southeast Missourian visited Memphis recently in company with a woman, and left a trail of "hot" checks in varying amounts.

DIEHLSTADT TEAMS WIN DOUBLE VICTORY FRIDAY

Diehlstadt High School basketball teams won a double victory on their home court Friday night, the boys defeating the Blodgett boys by a score of 52 to 17, and the girls taking their game with a score of 43 to 17. Jo Malone, Diehlstadt forward, scored 33 of her team's points.

SIKESTON STANDARD

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There is one thing certain, the depression has never hit Babyland.

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Ever so often we read where some actress has adopted a baby, which leads us to wonder where they find all these babies, or, are they forgotten ones that some of these actresses have left behind. This is in Hollywood.

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Every taxpayer in the land will welcome anything that will lower his taxes and bring about general employment and better times. The beer proposition will undoubtedly bring in a bit of revenue, put many men to work, make a demand for hops and barley, and the poor devils of the country will pay the bill because they are the ones who want a 5-cent drink. If beer is to be licensed, it should not be sold by the glass but in bottles that carry a heavy revenue stamp and sold at a price too high to make it popular. We are against prohibition as is, and at the same time we know not how to handle it.

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Let those who are so fond of asserting that democracy has failed in America bear in mind that a democracy is the only form of government on earth that permits its citizens to assert that it has failed. It is not strange that Italians are never heard to say that Mussolini has failed and that Russians are not heard charging that the iron rule of Stalin is a failure. They are not permitted to say so. If the Italian or the Russian should follow the free and easy way of the American critics, he would speedily face a ring squad or begin a long trek to Arctic Siberia. The very fact that any American born woman can say that American democracy is a failure is pretty convincing proof that it is not a failure. At least it has not failed to preserve the constitutional privilege of free speech.—Daily Oklahoman.

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THE MAGIC MISTLETOE

When the mistletoe, with its branch stems and crystalwhite berries, appears with the holly at Christmas time, we all remember vaguely that it is not quite like other evergreens. Perhaps if we live in the North we ask where it comes from; or we look up 'Druids' in the encyclopedia! But how many know that the superstitions which still cluster about that gold-tipped parasite stretch far back of the Christmas era, and are lost in the mists of antiquity?

Going one morning into the kitchen where a boy was waiting with Christmas greens to sell, I found three hard featured middle-aged "widow women" giggling like school girls, with heads bent close together over a hot cookstove. It was a bit of divination, and the manner of it was this: Six mistletoe leaves had been laid on the stove two by two, and according as a pair burned up stolidly side by side, or one or another of them either sidled closer or suddenly, even so it would fall out with the couple whom they represented. Verily romance dies hard, and so does the practice of pagan live charms! This was in Tennessee. In a little French hamlet where I spent Christmas a few years ago, I counted no less than 80 bunches of mistletoe in a single tall poplar—a costly coloney of dependents! Many were big enough to fill a bushel basket, and from a distance they looked like gigantic bird's nests. Every tiny shop in the neighborhood (just a front room in somebody's stone cottage with a bell fastened to the door latch) had a bunch of "le gui" hung up pour le bonheur for good luck), but kisses, apparently, were not in the picture.

The Cherokees call the mistletoe in their own dialect "udale"—married, or it is married—married of course, to the tree on whose sap it feeds, and like an old-time Hindu wife, it dies with the death of its partner. You wonder how the gumm, solid little berries travel from tree to tree Birds are the carriers; the seeds stick to their beaks and wiped off on the bark of a neighboring tree, where they cling fast (as you can learn by a little experimenting), and in due time strike root. Bird-lime, the gluey substance used in snaring small birds, is made from mistletoe berries.

That learned book, Frazier's "Golden Bough", has much to say the superstitious reverence long paid to the misteltoe, not only in nearly every country in Europe, but in Japan and even among African savages. He tells us how the Druid priests cut it with a sickle of gold, and because it must not touch the ground, caught it as it fell in a white cloth. It was regarded as an antidote for all poisons, and a cure for almost every kind of sickness. His explanation of the fact that it was everywhere held sacred is a very charming one. Would not a plant that flourishes summer and winter without roots in the earth, naturally be esteemed a plant fallen from the skies, and a direct gift of divinity?

They Say—Says The Man About Town

By ART L. WALLHAUSEN

SHOULD We forget to say it in a more practical and lasting manner;

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That was quite difficult to set . . typographcially speaking, but it does say a heap of things in two words.

Prohibition enforcement handed us another laugh last Monday nite. Every hotel man in the cities knows this, and we are told that quite a few of our readers do also. While sitting in the Peabody grill drinking a cup of java "with the alluring taste", as Miss Hess would say to her Home Ec students, we noticed order after order of ginger ale, cracked ice and empty glasses, enroute to various rooms. On each bottle neck the counter girl placed a slip of paper. We read:

"This beverage is sold with the strict understanding that contents of this bottle will not be mixed with alcoholic liquors in any form, in violation of the 18th Amendment.

"The Management"

A world of folks sure have developed a taste for ginger ale.

This business of being sheriff is not all serious. Take f'rinstance the time Tom Scott picked up a gentleman at a dance for being drunk and disorderly. While driving toward Oran, the prisoner who had studied the bottom of a bottle rather much, suddenly turned to the sheriff and said: "Mr. Sheriff, I'll give you all I got if you'll turn me loose. I don't wanta go to jail."

"How much you got?" asked Scott. The prisoner searched all pockets diligently, finally hauling out seventy-five cents, which he tendered in all seriousness.

"Naw, I'm sorry", Scott told him, "but I never did turn anybody loose for less'n a dollar and a half".

Within recent weeks another visitor showed up at the home of Scott. It was none other than Roy Shaw, the same who was alleged to have certain connections with the former Charlie Berger, and who not many months ago was set free after killing a trio in Dunklin County. Scott could not figure out a reasonable motive for Shaw's visit, because his previous connections with the law had not been entirely pleasant.

Finally Shaw broke in with, "Well, Tom, guess you won't be here much longer". When informed that his term expired January 1, Shaw asked for Scott's sub-machine gun. "You won't be needin' that Tommy gun of yours, will you?" he asked.

The Sheriff informed him that the gun would be handed down to his successor, since it was County and not personal property. "Well, maybe you can't sell it to me, but you could fix it so that a fellow could steal it, couldn't you?" asked his visitor.

Scott still has the Tommy gun.

Trooper Brooks has finally quit worrying about that long, knife wound "discovered" under the right armpit of the late, but not lamented Lewellyn J. Hunter.

T. Wilson and Dud have the details.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

MANY ATTEND VESPER SERVICES SUNDAY

A large crowd was present Sunday evening at the local Methodist church to enjoy the Vesper Services sponsored by the Choral Group of the local Music Club. The first part of the service was entirely musical, with organ, violin and choral numbers and music by the choir. Mr. Claiborne, violin artist, was also present, and was well received by the audience. The choir wore their robes and the choral group wore their surplices.

The last part of the service was devoted to the scene of the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, with Mrs. Harry Harty representing Mary, and Roy Wagner as Joseph.

All those who witnessed the performances, will agree that it was very beautiful and impressive.

DORCAS CLASS ENJOYS CHRISTMAS PARTY MONDAY

Fifteen members of the Dorcas Class of the First Baptist church were present to enjoy the Christmas party held at the home of the teacher, Mrs. Leslie Garrison, Monday evening, December 19. Several games were played after which Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed a gift to each person present, and refreshments were served. All report an enjoyable evening.

Y. W. A. XMAS PARTY HELD TUESDAY EVENING

Several members of the Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Meredith Lee Tuesday evening. The home was very artistically decorated in keeping with Christmas and Christmas games were played. Santa Claus was also present with gifts for each girl. Fourteen members and two visitors were present to enjoy the affair.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. Edward Smith on Lake Street Tuesday, January 3.

BLIND EVANGELIST CLOSES MEETING AT MATTHEWS NAZARENE

O. S. Harris, evangelist of Sikeston, closed a two-weeks meeting at the Matthews Church of the Nazarene last Sunday night. Although uneducated in conventional Bible schools or seminaries, this minister is said to deliver unusually powerful sermons. His services are available to other nearby churches, according to Robert Burch of Matthews.

Ben Hur Lodge Elects Officers

Last Thursday night at a call meeting of the Ben Hur lodge, two candidates, Clyde M. Causey and Dallas Wallace, were initiated, with the Cape Girardeau Ben Hur degree team doing the initiatory work. A. L. Saulmon, State manager, of Memphis, Tenn., was also present. Thirty members from the local lodge were present, with the following visitors from Chaffee: Edwin Hart, Ann Morris and Vernetta Campbell, and the Cape Girardeau team composed of gate keeper, Harley Henry; chief, Lou Vanzandt; Past Chief, Sarah McDanile; Judge, Florence Mason; teacher, Leroy Hopper; captain, Clyde Seabaugh; guide, Claud Mason; Ben Hur, Clarence Hopper; Airus, Earl McDaniel; mother, Hazel Williamson; Terzah, May Seabaugh; Hebrew women, Lillian Baxton and Jessie Henry; scribe, Nellie Medcalf. Monday night the regular meeting of the lodge was held when new officers were elected.

Past Chief—R. E. Limbaugh
Chief—Dallas Wallace
Judge—Lenna Marshall
Teacher—Mildred Meyer
Keeper of Tribute—F. E. Mount
Captain—Claud Causey
Guide—James Wilbur
Keeper of Inner Gate—Thresa Simler
Keeper of Outer Gate—Charles Noble

The next meeting of the lodge will be held Monday night, January 2, in the I. O. O. F. Hall. At this time initiation will be held, and also the appointive officers named.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lair of Sikeston, a daughter, Thursday, at the Southeast Missouri Hospital. She is their second daughter and weighs 7 pounds. Lair is connected with the State Highway Department.—Cape Missourian.

GLEE CLUB OPERETTA AGAIN POSTPONED

According to Superintendent Roy V. Ellise, the operetta "My Maid of the Bamboo Screen" to be given by the high school glee club, has been postponed until after the New Year. Mr. Ellise stated that no denite date had been set, but that they hoped to present the operetta before the middle of January.

LIBRARY TO BE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

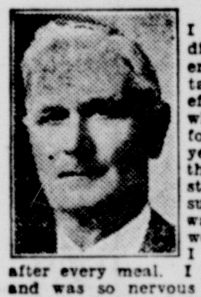
According to Mrs. C. A. Cook, local librarian, the library will be closed all day Monday, December 26. Usual hours will again be resumed Wednesday.

BENTON TEAMS VICTORIOUS OVER CHAFFEE TEAMS

Benton High School girls' and boys' basketball teams were both victorious in their game played against the Chaffee teams at Chaffee Friday night. The Benton girls won by a score of 29 to 24, and the boys won with a score of 41 to 39.

CHILDREN OF EX-SERVICE MEN TO ENJOY XMAS PARTY

The local chapter of the American Legion are sponsoring a Xmas party to be given Friday night, December 23, at the I. O. O. F. Hall for all children of ex-service men. The party will begin at 6:45 o'clock with Santa Claus present and with a toy for each child.



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The Time When We Think of Others

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J. J. Reiss Dairy

We Are Thinking of You Today

in the true spirit of Christmas time we ARE THINKING of YOU today; you who have favored us with your business, your oft repeated well wishes, and your smiles and encouragement.

Life would be pretty tough without friends. We want you to know we appreciate YOU.

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Happy Holiday GREETINGS

At this happy Yuletide season we take occasion to send all our friends this little greeting—to wish all of you the very best for yourself and your family—and to thank you for the splendid patronage and many favors you have conferred upon us .

May this be the best Christmas you have ever spent.

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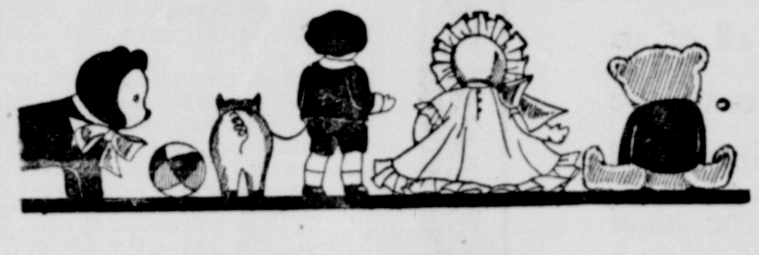

MY WISH

May the Angels who first brought Christmas songs into the world bring all of you much joy in this present Christmas and guard your steps for good in all the days to come.

LON SWANNER
Street and Water Commissioner
City of Sikeston

GREETINGS
1932-1933
For Christmas and the Coming New Year
To Our New and Old Friends
Accept Our Sincere Thanks for
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GREETINGS

That your Christmas may be Merry and full of Gladness and that the New Year may bring you a full measure of Health and Success is our wish for you this Glad Season.

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TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS
May the Merry Chimes of the Christmas Bells as they ring out in this Glad Season awaken only Joyful Responses in Your Hearts, and may their Harmonious Music linger in Your Lives through all the year, is the Sincere Wish of

Midwest PURE CREAM ICE CREAM
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NEW YEAR BELLS

Our Christmas Wish

May your Highway of Joy this Christmas be smooth and pleasant for you and yours, and may the Wheels of Time during 1933 bring you Prosperity and Happiness, is the wish of the management and each employee of this Company.

We are dispensing Christmas Joy this season at every Simpson Station in the form of Simpson Gasoline and Motor Oils.

Simpson Oil Company

About Old Santa Claus, Children's Patron Saint

THE dictionary merely tells you that Santa Claus is a contraction of Saint Nicholas (see Nicholas, Saint). A turning of the pages reveals that Nicholas was bishop of Myra or Smyrna in Asia Minor about 300 A. D. He was the patron saint of old Russia and was believed to offer special protection and comfort to "sea-faring men, thieves, virgins and children." His affection for children was based on the assertion that he brought back to life three schoolboys who had been murdered. An encyclopedia attributes the name by which he is known in America to the early Dutch settlers who called him San Nicolaag.

But it little matters whether he be known as Saint Nicholas, Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, or a dozen other names, for the presence of his spirit on this climax holiday of the year is the important thing. It enters every home in the four corners of Christendom and touches the hearts of all the men and women in them. Moreover, it is essentially the spirit of childhood, the freshness, the courage, and the eagerness of young lives. Saint Nicholas may seem old, but he has none of the fears, regrets or prejudices of age. He and his children stand on the threshold of the world. Their banner is good will and their goal is peace.

So this day, dedicated to the memory of the birth of a child, belongs to all children. It is their carols, their laughter, their happiness which makes it sweet. And we older folk should on this day at least share their kindliness, their tolerance, their purity and their Saint Nicholas.—The Boston Herald.

1932

Printed Christmas Card Was Issued Back in '43

THERE is more humanity about the Victoria and Albert museum than its stiff brick exterior suggests.

The director has sent me a Christmas Picture Book, says a writer in the London Star. It reveals the fact that the first Christmas card ever printed was issued only as recently as 1843.

The card, which was printed for Sir Henry Cole, first director of the South Kensington museum, is reproduced, along with many other efforts by artists, to celebrate the nativity. They range from a walrus ivory relief from Cologne to a modern woodcut by Eric Gill. It is strange to see how the artistic wheel has turned full circle back to the medieval austerity.

But I can't help liking the first Christmas card, which "features," as the films say, a hearty meal. As the fat boy would say, "I likes eating best."

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"Christmas Man," Name Given to Kris Kringle

SANTA CLAUS does not visit the children of Lithuania on Christmas eve as he does the children in this country, but there are all kinds of Christmas celebrations in which they have a part, and many good things to eat. In Germany and Norway old Kris Kringle hides gifts for the children in many out of the way places, and Christmas day is spent chiefly in hunting for them. In Holland Saint Nicholas dispensed Christmas cheer, but when the Hollanders came to this country his name was changed to Santa Claus. In Sweden Santa Claus is much like he is in America, but he does not come down the chimney, but in the night he comes into the room where the Christmas tree is and leaves gifts for all. His name is not Santa Claus, however, for he is called "The Christmas Man."

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Shepherds and Wise Men

It is not clear from the Scriptural allusions that the shepherds who visited the new-born Jesus were the same as the wise men who saw his star in the East. Only Matthew records the story of the magi, and only Luke mentions the shepherds. Mark and John do not refer to either the shepherds or the wise men.

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Recipe for Merry Christmas

Are you seeking a formula which will insure you a Merry Christmas? It's really too easy: Just have a child or two around the place and human nature will do the rest.—Collier's Weekly.

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REAL SANTA CLAUS

THIS Christmas spirit is the real Santa Claus—a spirit that is universal—that grows stronger with the years—that brings out the best in us—a spirit that is made up of kindly thought and deeds, of hallowed memories and of "Good Will" to all.

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa:

Please don't forget me for I have been a very good girl. You come every year, but I have never seen you. Don't forget my little friends. I want a little doll, a saxophone, a little sewing machine, and bring little Ilene a doll, too, some A, B, C blocks and a new game of checkers.

MABEL MURPHY

Dear Santa:

This is the month that all people the world over look forward to and they give and receive. Please don't forget me and my little playmates. I want a tricycle, horn, a little train, a sack of peanuts and please remember my little brother, Trice. He wants a sled, marble and if possible, a new hammer.

LOLA MAE McCANN

Dear Santa:

Watt, Mo.

I am a boy 6 years old, am going to school, trying to be good, for mother says you don't like mean boys. Santa, I am not expecting a lot of toys, if you could bring me some real good boxing gloves, a baseball mit and punching bag for daddy said that punching bag was good for growing boys. Oh, don't forget my grandpa for he soon will be 79 years of age. Now Santa, this is my first letter. If I get these things I'll be happy and next year I will be oh so good that I know you would bring me that pony that Mr. Mitchell had at Mr. Wagner's mule barn one year I lived at Sikeston. Goodbye, pleasant dreams.

BILLY ESKRIDGE

Matthews, Mo.,

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a little wagon, a little tractor, a toy bus. I go to school and will soon be six years old. Don't forget to bring my little sister, Colleen a doll.

PAUL MOORE

Matthews, Mo.

Dear Santa:

I want a little red wagon to pull Martha Ann in, a pair of rubber breeches for myself, a big baby buggy to pull my sweet wife in, some fruit, nuts, and candy, a big rubber ball for Martha and I, a pair of mittens and some kittens, a bottle and nipple for myself. I am a very wee little boy, 25 years old. A pair of shoes, size 13½ if you have any that large, also. That is all I will ask for this time.

DONALD STORY

Dear Santa:

I am 6 years old and in the first grade at school. Santa, will you please bring me a doll and a set of dishes and a suitcase and a doll high chair for my doll. And please do not forget the little children who will not get anything and I want some nuts, candy and fruits. And please do not forget my teacher, please.

LAURA JO LATHAM

Dear Santa Claus:

I am just a little school boy, 25 years old. Please send me a BB gun (long range), 3 boxes of BB's and some hunting license. I want a cap pistol and a detective badge, a little wheel barrow, a toy car, a little train, a tricycle, a wagon, some talcum powder, a teddy bear, a toy dog, a bottle of hair oil and a box of shoe polish. I won't ask for any more because the depression is on.

THARRON STALLINGS

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to tell you what I want for Xmas. Just bring me a rubber ball and a sack of candy. Please bring Mr. Stalling a new set of erasers and some more chalk to throw. Don't forget to bring Peg Mahew a new football team for next year, because he will need one. I think Miss Cowan and Miss Schroff need a new chair in their room so they can talk over their troubles and love affairs because their desk is just about to break down. Please bring Miss Makey a new latin class because the one she has is as dumb as she is. I know Miss Dalton needs a new zipper jumper because the one side has been zipped too much by Mr. Stallings. This is all for this year and I hope you don't get stuck in the chimney.

BILL VAN HORNE

Dear Santa:

I am in the fourth grade and am 8 years old. I'm in Miss Bateman's room and I want to tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a doll, a pair of galoshes, please. And don't forget my brother, daddy and mother and also my grandmother, aunts, uncles and cousins. And don't forget the other girls and boys and their mothers and fathers, too.

SHIRLEY J. LIMBAUGH

Corning, Ark.

Dear Santa:

I am sending this letter to my mother as I live with my auntie in Arkansas and mother's home is there and I'll be visiting her Xmas. Please bring me a bicycle, aviator cap and a pair of gloves, and too, remember mother and other children who will not have much for Xmas.

DEWEY HOWE

Dear Santa:

I do not want very much for Xmas. Santa, I am in the third grade and my teacher is Miss Blount and don't forget the other little children. I am a little girl 8 years old. My teacher sure is good and don't forget my little brother and my little sister and my mother and father. Santa, am I asking for too much? I want a doll for Xmas.

IMOGENE CARMODY

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 7 years old. I want a doll. One that I can wash, a tub and clothes pins and my brother, Bobby Joe, wants a truck. Bring my little baby sister a set of blocks.

GERALDINE VOWELS

CARD OF THANKS

We are very grateful to our many friends for their kindness and sympathy shown during the death of our beloved husband, father and brother, Connie Reed. Also for the many beautiful floral offerings. We wish to especially thank Rev. Walker and neighbor, McQuery for the consoling words to the bereaved family.

Wife and Children
Brother and Family

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TRUSTEE'S SALE BY SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE

WHEREAS, Howard E. Morrison, single and unmarried, by his certain deed of trust dated the 13th day of October, 1922, duly acknowledged and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Scott County, Missouri, in Deed of Trust Record Book 46 at Page 40, said book being one of the land records of Scott County, Missouri, conveyed to Gustave W. Niemann as trustee and in case of his inability, neglect or refusal to act then to such person as may be appointed upon an ex parte application for such purposes by the Circuit Court of the county wherein the property described in said deed of trust is located, and which said deed of trust conveyed all of the right, title, interest and estate of the said Howard E. Morrison in and to the following described real estate situated in the City of Sikeston, County of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:

Forty-four (44) feet off the east side of Lot Three (3) of Dan McCoy's Subdivision of Trotter's Addition to the City of Sikeston;

Which said conveyance was in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note there in described; and,

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said note as provided by said note and deed of trust; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of said deed of trust have been violated by the maker of said note and deed of trust and his successors in title to said property; and,

WHEREAS, the holder of said note and deed of trust has elected to foreclose said deed of trust for the failure of the makers of said note and deed of trust to perform the terms and conditions thereof; and,

WHEREAS, Gustave W. Niemann, the named trustee in said deed of trust, has in writing refused to act as said trustee; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court of Scott County, Missouri, upon an ex parte application as provided by said deed of trust, did on December 10, 1932, at its regular November term designate and name the undersigned H. C. Watkins, Jr., of Scott County, Missouri, to act in lieu of the said named trustee for the purpose of foreclosing said deed of trust according to its terms;

NOW, THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holder of said note and in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and by authority vested in me by the decree of the Circuit Court of Scott County, Missouri, I will on

SATURDAY THE 7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1933

at the east front door of the Courthouse in the town of Benton, Scott County, Missouri, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash at public auction the above described real estate for the purpose of paying said debt and costs.

H. C. WATKINS, JR.,
Substitute Trustee.

First pub. Dec. 16, 23, 30; Jan. 6

Just a suggestion. If some homeless somebody comes to your house on Christmas Day, invite him in and share your Christmas dinner. Both of you will feel better.

MALONE THEATRE

Saturday Only
December 24
Continuous show 2:30 to 11 p. m.

John Wayne in

"Haunted Gold"

A real Western

Serial "JUNGLE MYSTERY—No. 3 and Cartoon.

Matinee 10c and 25c. Night 10c and 30c.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

$5.00 book of theatre tickets for $4.50.
$2.50 book for $2.25.

Ask at Malone Theatre

MALONE THEATRE

Sunday—Christmas Day and Monday

Matinee Sunday and Monday

Edw. G. Robinson

Silver Dollar

Out ofthe thundering cavalcade of history comes the screen's masterpiece!

Towering head and shoulders above the screen giants of the past . . . Climaxing Warner Bros. greatest production year . . . "Silver Dollar"! Roaring, brawling record of America's most amazing empire builder who lived to beg in the cities he had built. Men sang his glories . . . Women whispered of his sins . . . America will shout its praise of this stupendous drama of his life and times! Already 4-starred by Liberty Magazine. "A picture you must show," says Hollywood Reporter. "A Honey"—Variety Bulletin. "Marvelous picture—it has everything" —Hollywood Herald.

Vast Cast including BEBE DANIELS, ALINE MacMAHON. Directed by Alfred E. Green.
A First National Picture.

Broadway Brevity, "MODERN CINDERELLA." Latest News.

Admission 10c and 35c

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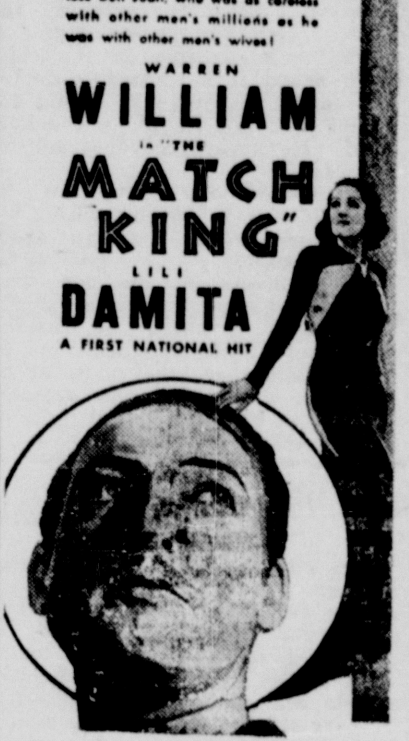
MALONE THEATRE

Tuesday and Wednesday
December 27 and 28



HIS CRASH SIGNALLED THE DOOM OF MILLIONS
The frenzied low-down on the super-swindler of the centuries—A ruthless Don Juan, who was as careless with other men's millions as he was with other men's wives!
WARREN WILLIAM
in "THE MATCH KING"
LILI DAMITA
A FIRST NATIONAL HIT

Comedy and Musical Novelty
Night 10c and 35c. Matinee Wednesday 10c and 25c.

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MALONE THEATRE

Thursday and Friday
December 29 and 30

Thrill written to suit the smoothest, spring-steel personality the screen has ever known!

"Undercover Man"

With George Raft, Nancy Carroll, Roscoe Karns, Lew Cody, Gregory Ratoff.

A Paramount Picture. ....

His greatest since "Scarface"! Raft—as the man both sides hunted . . .ace in a game with no quarter asked—and none given. To him a woman was just another skirt . . until he needed her—and found out different.

Remember! "Scarface"—Dancers in the Dark—"Night After Night"

COMEDY AND NEWS

Matinee Friday 10c and 25c
Nights—10c and 35c

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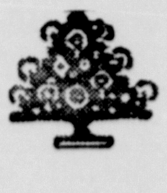
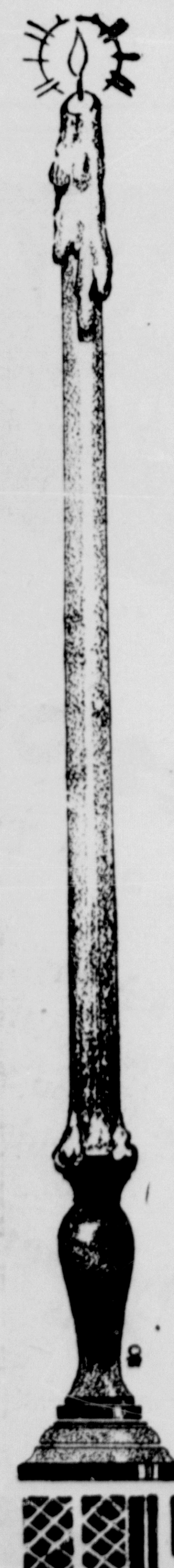


Cordial Greetings

May Joy Be Yours This Happy Christmastide and a New Year of Peace, Happiness and Prosperity

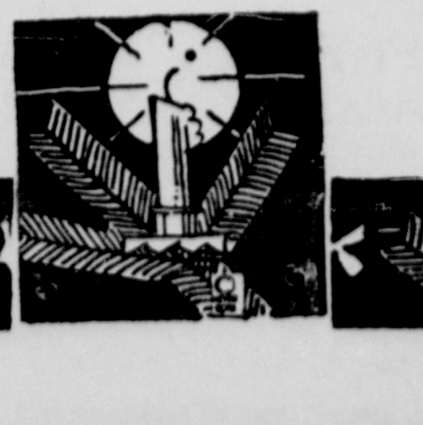
For the business, large or small, with which you favored us during the past year we are sincerely thankful. We as sincerely hope that you will be a frequent caller at our place of business during the New Year. Call around, feel at home and let us serve you in any way that we may do so. Take our place of business during the New Year. Call around, feel at home, and let us serve you in any way that we may do so. Take our wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sterling 5¢ to $1 STORE



May we add our greeting to the many you will receive today—let our wish for you to be one of continued peace, prosperity and contentment and that these will continue in full measure throughout many years to come. Yes, we too, wish YOU a very Merry and Joyful Christmas.

The Malone Theatre
Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCutchen



Veteran Cotton Buyer Dies Tuesday Enroute Sikeston To Memphis

S. C. Ragan, 75, veteran cotton buyer for McFadden and Oates of Memphis, died at a Blytheville, Ark., hospital a few hours after suffering a stroke, while riding with John Henricks, a hitch hiker, picked up in Sikeston at the Del Rey Hotel.

Mr. Hendricks, formerly employed by the defunct Chicago Evening Post contacted Charles L. Blanton, Jr., at Sensenbaugh's Garage Monday morning, and through him secured an introduction to Mr. Ragan.

The story of Mr. Hendricks as published in the Memphis Commercial Appeal follows in part:

The unusual experience of hitch-hiking across the country and having his benefactor drop dead was related here by John Hendricks, who was driving the car of S. C. Ragan Tuesday when that well known Memphis cotton man suffered a fatal stroke near Blytheville.

"I had tried to get out of Sikeston most of Monday", Hendricks said, "but couldn't seem to catch a ride. Late in the afternoon Mr. Ragan drove up to the filling statin, and spoke of going to Memphis. I asked him for a ride.

"Mr. Ragan thought it over a long time before he answered.

" 'If you can wait over until tomorrow you can drive me down', he told me. " 'I don't feel like traveling any more today and I am a little afraid to drive. I am not feeling well'.

"He told me to meet him at the Del Rey Hotel in Sikeston in the morning and I did. He seemed quite cheerful as we drove south and said it was a relief not to have to drive. He told me he had been having heart trouble and high blood pressure and that at his age (he was 75), anything might happen any time.

Suffers Fatal Stroke

"We stopped at the Arkansas line for a cup of coffee and after we started again he asked me to smoke. He said the doctor had made him quit and the only satisfaction he could get was smelling .. A little way on he complained of being chilly and I fixed the heater so he would get the full benefit of it.

"Coming into Blytheville he coughed, threw up his hands, and slumped against the side of the car. I couldn't rouse him. A young man standing on the sidewalk asked if I wanted a doctor and called Dr. Stevens. At his advice I took Mr. Ragan to the hospital. He never recovered consciousness.

"I stayed long enough to be sure he was in touch with his people and caught a freight train on to Memphis.

"Our conversation on the way was the oddest I have ever heard. Mr. Ragan reviewed the various important events and decisions of his life and speculated on what he would do under the same circumstances if he were permitted to live again".

ILLMO CAGERS MEET SIKESTON HERE THURSDAY

Sikeston basketball teams will be hosts to Illmo cagers in the second court game of the season here Thursday night, December 22. The season openers last Saturday night ended in a doublebarreled defeat handed out by Canalou veterans. The games, however, gave coaches Schroff and Mahew an opportunity to observe material under actual playing conditions, and the experience should prove valuable in selecting the starters tonight (Thursday).

Sells and Davis will probably start in the forward court for Sikeston. Each produced 13 points in the last game with Davis holding the edge on field shots. More co-operating in passing the ball for set-up shots would help that department materially.

Powell who started at jump center will probably start as side center against Illmo, having the circle post to Kline or Wilson.

Frey and Tanner will probably start as guards for Sikeston.

Starters in the boys' game will probably be Bandy and Limbaugh, fordwards; Caverno, center and Moll and Sharp guards. Bandy, playing his first game last week made a creditable showing, scoring two baskets from the floor, and making good four donation shots. Limbaugh made good three baskets and one free toss.

The Sikeston quintet gave promise of developing into a better than average team, but certain rough spots must still be ironed out.

Games will start promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Judge, who departed this life two years December 23:

The fairest lilies are the first to fall
The sweetest first to fade,
The fondest, dearest, best of all, at peaceful rest is laid.
As some sweet blossom droops and dies
When blighted from the frost
Judge faded from our eyes
And all too soon was gone
But in God's garden free from pain
Where grows his fairest flowers.
We know that we shall meet again
This fairest flower of ours.
JOHN C. WITT and FAMILY

Mrs. Harold Hebbeler of Cape Girardeau spent Tuesday here with Mrs. J. L. Tanner and family.

The Mid-Winter Opening at the Chillicothe Business College is Monday, January 2nd. New classes will be organized then and many students will enter for business, telegraph and civil service courses.

ICE BLANKET IS MELTING IN RAIN

Intermittant rain, fog and mist together with much higher temperatures broke the severity of the cold wave Wednesday after a prolonged stay of nearly two weeks. By Thursday most of the streets and sidewalks in the city were relatively clear of ice, which for the past fourteen days made driving and walking hazardous.

Kiddies and grownups, most of them unused to ice and snow, thououghly enjoyed the blanket of slippery white stuff by using sleds and skates, night and day. Many bobsled parties were held during the past few weeks but that form of outdoor sport promises to be a thing of the past—at least for a few days. The weatherman promises continued warmer weather with rain probable.

Fog proved to be a real hazard to motor and train traffic the past two days. Starting Wednesday evening the fog settled low, and densely early that afternoon. By nightfall cars and busses were creeping along, the latter running from 30 to 60 minutes behind schedule.

The early morning northbound Frisco train was delayed about 30 minutes, it was stated here, by fog.

BLODGETT ELEVATOR FIRE LOSS $40,000

Fire of undetermined origin Wednesday morning destroyed the large grain elevator, machinery and thousands of bushels of corn and wheat belonging to the Blodget Elevator and Grain Co., Inc., at Blodgett, at an estimated loss of $40,000. J. W. Parker is resident manager.

The blaze was discovered in the east wing of the building by Howard Levan, citizen of the town about 8 o'clock. An alarm was sounded but volunteers were unable to save the main structure. Nearby sheds, the office and warehouses did not burn.

The theory has been advanced that tramps seeping in an adjoining warehouse might have left a small fire and thus started the conflagration.

The company will continue to buy corn at the old stand, having made arrangements to store it in temporary shelters. The elevator proper will probably be rebuilt early next spring.

Grain was still smuoldering Thursday afternoon.

Seneca—McCorkle Bros. purchased Thomas Garage.

Raymond Red Corn, an Osage Indian of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and Henry Granacki of Tenino, Washington were among the new students enrolling at the Chillicothe Business College last week.

Mot at all a new wish, old and true, but still
we've never found one better,
Nobody ever will.

A
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

PITMAN & SON

XMAS DANCE PROMISES TO BE FEATURE EVENT OF BUSY HOLIDAY WEEK

The midnight frolic scheduled by the Henry Meldrum Post, American Legion here starting at midnight, December 25, promises to start the round of holiday festivities with a bang.

Hal Cord's Hollywood Club orchestra, featuring eleven artists, will furnish the entertainment. Cord has one of the really outstanding bands on the West Coast and for months has been heard regularly over station KFI , KJR and KGO. The hop will not start until the stroke of 12 Sunday night, but it will continue until the wee small hours of Monday morning.

Legionnaires are asking $2.00 per couple,and fifty cents each from spectators.

WADE INFANT DIES

Juanita, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wade of near Morehouse, died last Sunday following a short illness with pneumonia. Death came at the age of 2 year and 8 months. Funeral services were held at the residence in Morehouse Monday morning with interment in the Hunterville cemetery, Welsh service.

A New Tinner Arrives

A brand new tinner and heating expert arrived in Sikeston Wednesday. He is the 9-pound son born that day to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Poage of this city. The youngster and his mother are getting along nicely at the Emergency hospital.

Mrs. Charles Wagster of St. Louis is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lillie Miller.

HIJACK TRUCK ROB DRIVER OF $500 THURS. AFTERNOON

According to a telephone message received late Thursday afternoon by Clay Mitchell from his brother, C. L., connected with the Mitchell-Corder Grocery Company of Malden, a truck belonging to the firm was held up and robbed that evening about 5:30 o'clock. Three men took $500 in checks and currency from the driver and escaped driving east of Highway 61. The robbery took place between Risco and Malden on Highway 84.

The trio of road bandits made their getaway in a Chevrolet car, either a coach or sedan.

ILLMO TEAMS TAKE TWO GAMES AT MORLEY FRI.

The two Illmo High School basketball teams were victorious Friday night in a double-header game played on the Morley courts, the scores being 30 to 22 for the boys and 50 to 11 for the girls. Elberta Bowers, Illmo forward, scored 38 of her team's points.

FORNFELT TEAMS DEFEAT ANNISTON TEAMS FRIDAY

The Fornfelt High School girls' basketball team won their first game and the boys their fourth game of the season Friday night when they defeated the Anniston high teams. The Fornfelt girls led with a score of 20 to 7, while the boys score was 25 to 20.

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Speaking of stories there's the one Ira Shuffit tells of the Old Indian back home who was willing to bet he could turn a mouse loose in a room, hit the animal three times with a pistol ball without killing it.

Pleasant business relations such as ours promote friendship' so to our friends we say

A Very Merry Christmas

and may nineteen hundred thirty-three bring to you the things you most desire.

WELTER BAKE SHOP

SANTA CLAUS' Letter to You!
Firestone
Tires and Tubes
Extends a Merry Christmas to yourself and to those near and dear to you we extend this Yuletide Greeting
Dye Service Station
GAS OILS TIRES
Sikeston, Missouri

NO ONE HURT IN FRIDAY NIGHT WRECK

Cars driven by R. D. Clayton of Morley, and Jake Frutiger, salesman for the Parke Davis Company in this district, collided last Friday night about 7 o'clock on Highway 61, north of the State Highway buildings. Clayton, driving south, struck the side of Mr. Frutiger's Buick, knocking off a running board. Clayton's machine lost one wheel. Neither of the drivers was hurt.

MATTHEWS BOY HURT WHEN HIT BY SLED

Harold Lumsden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lumsden of Matthews, was hurt in Sikeston Saturday night, when a sled skidded toward the youth. A runner cut a gash in one leg. Dr. G. W. Presnell rendered emergency treatment and today reported that Lumsden was able to walk.

We find no fault with Miss Crumby nor do we hold brief for the woman who stayed with her man during the brutal shooting here recently. We are glad that she has the opportunity of making peace with her family, and that she might again be at home with her babies. Two other homes, however, will be gloomy abodes this coming Christmas day. One will be found in Memphis and the other in Sikeston. We extend our heartiest sympathy for the two widows, Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Connie Reed and their babies.

OUR HEART'S DESIRE

Right now we desire nothing more than to have our friends and customers know that we are thinking of them and wishing them a JOYOUS HOLIDAY season. We want you to know that we appreciate you and that we send this message, not as a matter of form custom, but because WE MEAN EVERY WORD OF IT!

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

PEACOCK
Beauty Salon
Irene Nash

WOMAN'S CLUB MET TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Woman's Club held its meeting Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. A. J. Renner. A business meeting was held at which time a donation to the Red Cross was given.

After the business, the following program was given, which was in charge of Mrs. J. M. Massengill. This was a Christmas program with three papers, namely, "The Nativity of Christ", Mrs. Massengill; "The Women of the Bible", Mrs. C. C. White and "Christmas in Other Lands", Mrs. Kate Greer. Vocal solo, "Adeste Fidelis", Mrs. L. R. Burns.

The next meeting of the Club will be held January 3, at the home of Mrs. J. W. Foley. Mrs. L. R. Burns will be the leader and will have the subject, "Women's Contribution to World Progress".

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 16 years old. Since there is a depression, I will not ask for a present, but just a favor. Please Santa, see if you can arrange it so that it will be necessary for P. D. Malone to remain in Cape Girardeau during the holidays. Don't forget my friend, Archie Green, who wants to learn to draw better and funnier Xmas cards.

CHARLES ALLEN COOK.

Edna—Lloyd Elick moved shop to new location.

LAIR STORE NEWS
"That Intersting Store"

HOME FURNISHINGS

Our 34 Year in S. E. Mo.

Give One Of These—

Solid Walnut Powder Case—a tastey piece of furniture that would gladden the heart of any woman who takes pride in her personal appearance.

Pull up or occasional chairs—most homes always have room for one more guest chair. These are both pretty and comfortable—also modestly priced.

Governor Winthrop secretaries in either walnut or mahogany—made by a factory that prides itself on good cabinet work—$22.50 up.

Studio couches equipped with inner spring mattresses covered in acceuted shades of "home spun" material. Comfort and good service in every one.

"Can't Slip" bath mats, plush face in attractive colors and designs, first time shown in Sikeston—$1.50 and $2.75. Simmons Beauty Rest Mattress—King Bee of 'em all—invest in rest.

Comfort Chairs with ottomans, favorite pieces with men, covered with either jacquard or "home spun", $22.50 and up.

Boudoir lamps, dainty colorings, artistic designs—$1.00 to $2.50.

Aladdin Table Lamps at $5. and $6 appeal to housekeepers who prefer conventional designs in new figures to the more gaudy types.

Lane Cedar Chests, known the country over as ideal gifts for sweethearts, single or married. Pretty numbers $13.50 to $40.00.

Comfort rockers, high or low backs, in new Tapestries that harmonize with most any color scheme, $7.50 to $20.00. Diminutive Majestic Radios—"Pirate Chest" model, appropriate for the spare room and for the young woman or man away at college. Unusually attractive, $18.45. Delivery of last minute holiday purchases will receive special attention Saturday.

Adieu 1932

As the old year closes please accept our thanks and gratitude for liberal support during the past twelve months. Also be assured of our increased effotrs in 1933 to operate for you in Sikeston a creditable furniture store.

May Christmas bring you plenteous store of happiness and joy.

PORTAGEVILLE FARMER MYSTERIOUSLY SHOT FROM AMBUSH DIES IN MEMPHIS

Charles Martin, 41, Portageville Mo., farmer, who was shot and wounded from ambush last Tuesday night as he drove into his garage, died at 3:15 p. m., Monday at Baptist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

No reason for the attack could be advanced by Martin's mother and brother who were at his bedside when the end came. He was unmarried.

The body was taken to Portageville Tuesday for burial.

MERRY CHRISTMAS--HAPPY NEW YEAR

May they both mean much of good for our big family of patrons. Accept our thanks for 1932 favors and remember we want you for our friend and patron during 1933.

Del Rey Hotel

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

I will be in Sikeston for the purpose of collecting State and County Taxes on

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
December 28th and 29th

Office at City Hall

EMIL STECK
Collector Scott County

CLASSY JANE SHOP
905 Commercial
Cairo's Most Progressive Store For Women

CHRISTMAS SALE!
STARTS TOMORROW
BRINGING SAVINGS UP TO 50% AND MORE!
EVERY ITEM IN OUR STORE DRASTICALLY REDUCED!

Winter Coats
Price at
$10.75 to $16.75
$24.95 Values $39.75 Values

The Kinds of Furs That Trim Expensive Coats!
Look over our selection of Fur Trimmings . . . surely not the usual furs of such low prices! When you see how lavishly they are used . . .in scarfs, in half sleeves, in extravagant collars, you'll know that these coats are the best bargains of the season.

Black! Brown! Dark Green!
Women's, Misses' and Juniors' Sizes

WHAT WOULD PLEASE MORE THAN A
Beautiful New Dress
Priced at
$2.98 to $16.75
For Every Occasion

No matter what your needs you can find your dress in this sale. If it's Christmas formals you're planning, on we've dozens of exquisite evening things . . and just as many less formal dresses for teas and dinners and bridge parties. And if you want something extra for the office, this is your chance! By all means, do come in! Sizes for women and misses, 14 to 44.

Check These Gifts
PURE PARIS SILK HOSIERY

48 Guage, pair	.69c
Silk Gowns	$1.95 to $5.95
Silk Pajamas	$5.95
Dance Sets	$1.98
Kid Gloves	$1.00 to $3.98
Fabric Gloves	.50c
Crepe Silk Slips	$1.00 to $3.98
Silk Robes	$1.95 to $5.95

FORMER SIKESTON BOY BURIED TUESDAY, DEC. 13

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon, December 13 forFred Rush Welsh, age 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gid Welsh of Paragould, Ark., who died Sunday following an illness of double pneumonia, from the Full Gospel Tabernacle with Rev. Dyks of Monette in charge. He was assisted by Rev. Guy Walsh, pastor of the Tabernacle. Burial was made at Linwood cemetery.

Mr. Welsh was a native of this city, but was reared in Paragould, where, he attended the Paragould schools.

Besides his parents he is survived by a sister, Mrs. C. H. Grace of Lubbock, Texas, grandfather, J. T. Welsh of Memphis, an uncle, M. D. Welsh of Truman, Ark., and aunt, Mrs. W. A. Matthews of Sikeston, who attended the funeral.

CAPE TIGERS DEFEATED BY BLUE JAYS, 30-23

Tht Cape Girardeau Central Tigers lost their second straight game to the Charleston Bluejays on the latter's court Friday night, December 16, by a score of 30 to 23. Central had a lead of 9 to 7 at the first period, but the Bluejays scored sevreal points in the second and maintained the lead the remainder of the game. leading 24 to 16 at the end of the third period. Herbert McCullough, a forward on the Cape Central team, was out of the game Friday on account of a broken arm.

AUXILIARY NOTES

The American Legion Auxiliary held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Sr., Wednesday with a good attendance considering the inclement weather.

The business of the meeting was a donation party for the Christmas baskets that the Auxiliary will give to the needy families of veterans.

A social hour was enjoyed at the close of the business meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Harry Blanton the first Wednesday in January.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS FROM PARIS APPEAL

Uncle Sam advanced the price of postage stamps in order to head off a postal deficit. We the people showed our displeasure by writing fewer letters, thereby making matters worse for Uncle Sam. The old gentleman levied a penny tax on gasoline to help balance his budget. Did anyone quit running a car in order to show their displeasure? On the contrary, gasoline sales increased. Figure this out if you can.

Or, it might be that a lot of this discussion over foreign debts is for the purpose of distracting attention from our domestic debts. Unless something is done to stem the tide of foreclosures one-half the town, city and farm property in this country will pass into the hands of mortgage holders before the Roosevelt administration ends. Nothing would help quite so much as three per cent money. At this rate the average property owner would meet his payments and carry on. The Government could get the money at half this rate and make a good profit on the transaction. Mortgage holders, it seems, would prefer reducing their interest to taking over pieces of real estate they could do nothing with. It is not right to make home and farm owners bear all the burden of this depression. The money lenders should make some concessions, voluntarily if possible, forcibly if necessary. To demand that a farm owner pay just as much interest when corn is 15c a bushel as when it was $1.50 or $2 is out of the question.

This is not time for wishing a merry Christmas to needy folk. It is better to give them the makings of a merry Christmas.

Another sign of advancing age is our disposition to worry over the weather. Young people find ways to enjoy themselves, no matter how hot or how cold, how wet or how dry, it may be.

Give, and it shall be given unto you—heaped up, pressed down and running over. Are there any needy people in your neighborhood, or any children who will experience a cheerless Christmas unless you come to the rescue?

Yes, friends, the nights are long and the days are cold. Three months hence, the frogs will be singing and we humans will be gardening, fishing and golfing. Why worry over the present when there are so many fine things just three jumps ahead?

Both Democrats and Republicans know what the irony of fate means. To Republicans it means the loss of jobs just when jobs mean the most to them. To Democrats it means the abolishment of jobs just when they are emerging from 12 years in the wilderness.

The medical profession seems considerably agitated over the problem of socializing its services, by which is meant the employment of physicians and surgeons by communities, counties or States. The idea is to place everybody on a common level when sickness comes or an operation is needed. Except for our reluctance to depart from the old order of things, under which all the advantages and privileges were considered inherent rights of the well-to-do, we would look with as much favor on this idea as European nations do. Russians has completely socialized her medicine and her hospitals. The poorest peasant or the humblest workingman is no longer denied the services of a skilled practitioner or the comforts of a hospital bed just because he has no money. These things are his by virtue of his citizenship and by grace of a Government which believes it is just as important to conserve the health of the poor as the health of the rich. Even in our own conservative country there is a growing number of people who cannot be reconciled to the custom of limiting medical, surgical and hospital services to those who are able to pay for them. It is just as shocking as the policy under which we hire able men as prosecutors of those who are accused of crime but fial to provide men of equal ability for their defense. If they cannot hire a good lawyer to look after their interests they must take the consequences. All this is contrary to our proud boast that the most precious possession of our nation is its people.

LION "CUBS" ENTERTAIN FOR DADS WEDNESDAY

An unusual surprise was arranged for members of the Lions Club here at their weekly luncheon session Wednesday, Hotel Del Rey, when fourteen children, all sons and daughters of the members entertained with Christmas carols under the direction of Mrs. Bess Elder, panist. The singers included Merritt Beck, Jr., Ward Denman, Val Sharp, Hazel Young, Mary Emma and Ruth Powell, Kathryn Jane Mitchell, Charles Allen Cook, Catherine Ann Cook, Little Dick Young, Betty and Billie Anderson , John Bowman and Mary Eugenia Blanton.

MO. FARMER ENDS LIFE

Campbell, December 19.—Provoked because efforts to build a fire caused the house to fill with smoke, John W. Davenport, farmer, drove his sick wife and daughter from their home near here with a shotgun Saturday night and shot himself to death Sunday.

The body was found several hours later when Elsie, 17-year-old daughter, returned from the home of neighbors where she and her mother took refuge. Testimony at the inquest was that Davenport had been drinking. Mrs. Davenport was in a serious condition today, suffering from influenza and shock.

SHOWER FOR MRS. SMITH HELD THURSDAY EVENING

Mrs. J. H. Hayden, Jr., and Miss Vernetta Smith entertained with a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Edward Smith Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Arthur. Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Mae Lewis. Mrs. Curtis Smith assisted as hostess. Mrs. Smith received many beautiful and useful gifts. Fourteen guests were present to enjoy the affair.

Local Schools Begin Holidays

Christmas holidays will start this week for Sikeston school children and faculty members. All grade and high school students will be dismissed at noon Friday, to enjoy the holiday season until January 2 when classes will again be resumed.

Students in St. Francis Xavier day school held their annual Christmas program Thursday, and will be dismissed Friday. The school will begin again January 3.

Most of the teachers who live away from Sikeston expect to go to their homes for the 9-day vacation.

LODGE DIRECTORY

BEN HUR

The Tribe of Ben Hur meets every Monday evening at the lodge rooms over the Sikeston Piggly Wiggly Store.

MASONIC LODGE
Sikeston Lodge No. 310, A. F. & A. M.

The Masonic Lodge meets every first and third Thursdays of each month at the I. O. O. F. Hall at 7:30 o'clock. Officers: Wade L. Shankle, W. M.; J. Boyd Scillian, S. W.; J. H. Hayden, J. W.; A. C. Barrett, Treasurer; A. A. Harrison, Secretary.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR Sikeston Chapter No. 137

Regular meeting night second and fourth Thursday, 7:30 p. m., meets at I. O. O. F. Hall. Officers: Mrs. Eunice Forrester, Worthy Matron and W. E. Hollingsworth, Worthy Patron.

T. B. H. LODGE

The T. B. H. Lodge meets every first and third Monday night of each month at 8:00 o'clock at the room over Piggly Wiggly Store. Officers: Sherley Hopper, Past Chief; R. E. Limbaugh, Chief; Lenna Marshall, Judge; Nellie Mount, Teacher; F. E. Mount, K. T.; Mary Limbaugh, secretary.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS

Meets on second Thursday in each month. Oracle, Mrs. Olga Shupman; Recorder, Mrs. Blanche Wagner.

REBEKAH LODGE NO. 533

Rebekah Lodge ..o. 533 meets every second and fourth Friday nights of each month at 7:30 o'clock at the Odd Fellows Hall. Officers are: Noble Grand, Mrs. Alma Mackley; Mrs. Allie White, Secretary. Visiting members are always welcome.

MODERN WOODMAN

Modern Woodmen of America meet first and third Wednesday nights in each month at 7:30 o'clock, at the I. O. O. F. Hall. Officers: Consul, W. M. Rayburn; Advisor, J. A. Stovall; Banker, C. C. White; Clerk, W. C. Edwards; Escort, Leslie Rister; Watchman, C. F. Edwards; Sentry, George Adkinson; Trustee, V. I. Edwards.

ODD FELLOWS

Regular meeting every Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, at I. O. O. F. Hall. Officers: George L. Dye, Noble Grand; Willard Bennett, Vice Grand; Sidney L. Schillig, Financial Secretary; W. E. Hollingsworth, Recording Secretary; C. C. White, Treasurer.

THE MACCABEES

The Maccabees meet every first and third Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at I. O. O. F. Hall. Officers: Charles Bethune, Commander; Charles Jones, Sergeant; E. H. Smith, Record Keeper; Roy Waggner, Past Chairman.

W. B. A.

The Woman's Benefit Association mets every second and fourth Mondays, 7:30 o'clock at the I. O. O. F. Hall. Officers: Ethel Duncan, President; Stella Moll, Vice-President; Frances Moody, Recording Secretary; Minnie Anderson, Treasurer; Birdie Fox, Financial Secretary; Rebecca Pierce, District Deputy.

JUNIOR WOODMEN

The Junior Woodmen Camp meets first and third Wednesdays in each month at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoons at the I. O. O. F. Hall. Junior Director Mrs. W. C. Edwards; Field Deputy Martha L. J. Edwards.

APES AFFECTIONATE SAYS CARVETH WELLS

There are only four kinds of apes and they all know how to kiss, says Carveth Wells, famous globetrotter and Continental Oil Company radio entertainer, who promises to explode some popular myths about gorillas, chimpanzees, orang utans and gibbons during his regular broadcast Wednesday night, December 28, over NBC.

Welis didn't believe gorillas are half as wild as they are painted, so he visited the mountainous ape country around Lake Kivu in the Belgian Congo and secured the facts first hand. He also tells some of Martin Johnson's gorilla stories.

The Conoco program may be heard by local radio listeners who tune in on stations KSD, St. Louis or KTHS, Hot Springs, Wednesday night at 9:30 o'clock.

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Your Xmas Tree

If you ony knew how hard we have worked to draw this Christmas tree for you, you'd appreciate it all the more. We couldn't hang all the presents on it we hope you'll get, but we do hope there will be dolls, an' horses, an' a drum, an' a pistol, an' everything. May it be loaded with happiness and good fellowship, and our special present to you goes, a big box of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's gifts.

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An Open Letter To Santa Claus

Dear Santa:

Our patrons have been good all during the past year; good to us and good to others, too, so we are writing to ask that you bring them something nice for Christmas. Let it express to them, if you will, our thanks and appreciation to each of them.

Be sure to include lots of happiness, love, good cheer, health and prosperity.

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and a
Happy New Year
FOR MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS
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TRANSFER

Season's Greetings
and Sincere Thanks for Another Good Business Year

As the old year passes and we greet 1933, it is our sincere wish that it will bring you better days with added happiness and increased prosperity.

MERRY CHRISTMAS-HAPPY NEW YEAR

J. A. Young—H. C. Young

Health, Wealth and Happiness

As we approach another year we realize that we have another opportunity before us. Looking back over the past year we find many things to be thankful for. Very generous support has been given us by the people of this community for which we are truly thankful.

Another books is about to be opened . . . every page in it must bear a record at the end of 1933. We hope and will strive earnestly to make a record on every page that we can be proud of at the end of the year—a record of service well rendered; a record of work well done.

This is our opportunity; and coupled with this expression of our honest resolution, we say to all our friends and patrons, we wish for you

A MOST HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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GREETINGS
We desire to extend to you the Compliments of the season and to express our sincere wishes for your prosperity in the coming year.
Elite Hat Shop

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Christmas Wishes
to our hundreds of loyal patrons but nevertheless we appreciate the medium of the press and take pleasure in sending our best wishes. To make you know our sincerity we have resolved to so serve you in the future as to add to your joys and take from your cares.
May you welcome 1933 and find it a happy year in which health and good times will be with you.
THE SIKESTON LAUNDRY
Phone 165

NEW MADRID COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

Milus R. Davis

In tabulating the results of the county standardized testing program we found that the following schools rated, as a whole, the highest and in the order named: Pleasant Valley, Stubblefield, LaForge, New Hope, Grape Ridge, Dawson, Hyman and Beech Grove.

Phillpis, Fairview, Maple Grove, Little River and Point Pleasant Ward tied for the ninth place. 32 schools participated in this program—all on the list but four, and three of these could not get to these meetings on account of impassable roads.

The last day of the schedule fell on December 10 which was the first day of the blizzard but this terrible weather did not prevent the pupils from Dawson and St. Mary from rallying. Such indomitable spirit deserves special commendation.

Some of the children in the county made exceptionally high scores and we found it interesting to select from the hundreds of names the pupils who rated highest in the entire county. We are giving these in order of their ranking:

Eighth grade—Ernest Allen, Scott school; Marie Johnson, New Hope; Marie Dolan, Pt. Pleasant Ward; Mary Irvin, Hyman; Howard Thompson, New Hope; Marie Puckett, LaForge; Juanita McGill, Bowman; Bettie McGlinchey, LaForge.

Seventh grade—Melvine Russell, Beech Grove; Noah Bradley, LaForge; Donald Cloin, Stubblefield; Elton Trigg, Sugar Tree.

Sixth Grade—Lucille Bailey, Wilburn; Derris Gray, Stubblefield; R. Q. Brown, Pleasant Valley; Edna Jackson, New Hope; George Gosnell, Tinsley; Junaita Puckett, LaForge; Berniece Mullen, Pleasant Valley; Violent Raybron, Hyman.

Fifth grade—Lora Scott, O'Bannon; Opal Bailey, Wilburn; Richard McGlinchey, LaForge; Marjorie Ransburgh, Dawson; Luther Hornbarger, Grape Ridge; Bonnie Tipton, Maple Grove.

Too many times students who rate high want to skip a grade, but we think it better for them to be promoted regularly and still rate high. If they skip a grade they are missing something and they might get into deep water where going is difficult and discouragement is prevalent. Better be a star pupil in the proper grade than a dullard in the grade above.

We found many bright pupils whose record looks bad only because they are in the wrong grade. For example, one disappointed little girl in the sixth grade made a total score of 180 which indicates that she is a poor student, but the fact is, that she really belongs in the fifth grade and if she is placed there, this score of 180 will entitle her to be on the honor list of pupils making satisfactory scores. 'Tis better to do standard work in the proper grade than to do poor work in the grade above.

Out of all pupils tested we found 23 per cent up to standard or above, 29 per cent within the safety limit—below standard but with a possibility of catching up, and 58 per cent in the danger zone—so low that it will be almost impossible for them to remain in their present grade and make up the deficiency.

We recommend that the teacher give these weak pupils furhter tests and if they do not show up better an adjustment should be made. The Stanford Achievmeent Test, Form X Advanced, from World Book Co., Chicago, will be good for further testing. A package of 25 costs $2. If only a few are needed we can sell them from the office.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM BLODGETT

(By Miss Louise Peal)

The Y. W. A. met with Miss Freida Barnes Monday night.

Fred Withrow and Maborn Bailey were in Sikeston Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McLane and Mrs. Thomas spent the weekend visiting in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anderson and Miss Willine Gage were in Cape Girardeau Saturdya.

Mrs. I. H. Marshall was hostess to the Woman's Club Thursday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Steiner are the proud parents of a baby boy born Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Marshall and family and Mrs. Florence Marshall visited in Sikeston Saturday.

Mrs. George Pearman and children and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rickard shopped in Cape Girardeau Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green and son, Dean, had business at Cape Girardeau, Tuesday.

Mrs. Clint Stout and daughter moved to Ironton Saturday to make their home.

Mrs. E. C. Graham visited Mr. and Mrs. E. Burke at Charleston Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. McDaniel and family were in Cape Girardeau Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Marshall and family and Mrs. Florence Marshall will spend the Christmas holidays visiting relatives in St. Louis.

Robert Graham and Miss Jeanette Graham motored to Charleston Sunday to bring back their mother, who had been visiting in that city.

Miss Thelma McDaniel of Cape Girardeau was sick Sunday and Monday. She is at home with her parents now.

Among the many who are sick in our town are: Mrs. J. T. Huey, Miss Ruby Nunell, Mrs. J. E. Godwin, Isaac Marshall and several others.

The Methodist revealing party for sunshine friends will be held Wednesday, December 28th, at the church basememt.

The officers that were elected for 1933 O. E. S. are as follows:

Worthy Matron—Mrs. A. Marshall

Worthy Patron—O. L. Spencer

Associate Patron—Mrs. George Buchanan

Conductress—Mrs. Roy Green

Associate Conductress—Mrs. M. McLane

Secretary—Miss Maxine Pearman

Installation will be held January 10.

MISS EMILY BLANTON RECEIVES PRAISE FROM MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL HEAD

R. V. Ellise, local school superintendent received the following letter recently relative to a Sikeston high school graduate now attending school at Blue Mountain College, in Mississippi.

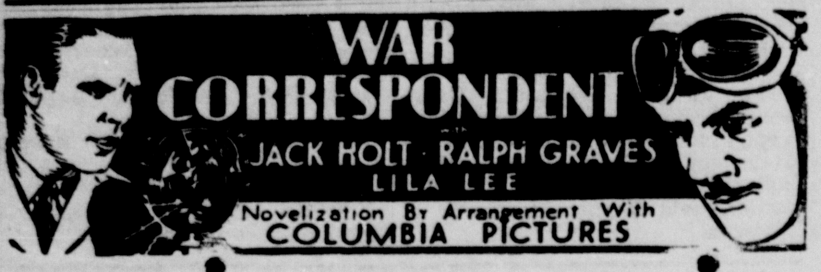
"In September, 1931 you sent to us as a member of our freshman class, Emily Ann Blanton, who, I believe was the youngest girl in your graduating class of the preceding spring. We have found Miss Blanton to be a splendid young woman of high principles, unusually co-operative disposition, and delightful personality.

"She has made a satisfactory scholastic record, having received no deficiency reports in any subject during the present year, and in fact, so far as I know, she received none last year.

"Last session she was elected to membership in one of our leading literary organizations, the Eunomians, which group also plays a leading part in our college athletic activities. She has been serving as secretary of our Epworth League and has taken a vigorous interest in our annual operetta 'Pinafore', which the students are producing this year and which will go on tour as far as our State University, at the Mississippi Baptist College for men, and a number of other prominent centers.

"Miss Blanton is quite popular with students and faculty, and we are grateful to have such young women in our college family; and I believed you would be interested to have these facts about one of your products.

"Yours very truly,
"LAWRENCE T. TOWERY,
"President".



WAR CORRESPONDENT

with JACK HOLT · RALPH GRAVES

LILA LEE

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WHAT HAS HAPPENED

Franklyn Bennett, war correspondent for the North China Times, describes the bringing down of three planes by General Ching, ace of the National Government. When Ching arrives on the flying field, General Wu Sun of the National Army, decorates him with the Order of the Golden Dragon. Ching goes to his headquarters where it is disclosed that he is in reality, Jim Kenyon, an American. Julie March, his mistress, is waiting for him. She longs to return to America, but Jim won't hear of it.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

Upon her return to Shanghai, Julie March had an experience which changed the whole course of her life. She was riding along in a rickshaw when a huge motor car struck it and took off a wheel. The owner of the car alighted and came to her.

"You bumped into my rickshaw on purpose," she accused.

"Certainly—so I could offer my car to a lady in distress," the Russian replied with a suave smile. Julie turned away from him in disgust. "Wait a minute, you can't [illegible] lady with me. I know too much about you."

Infuriated, Julie gave him a slap on the face. The man reached forward to grab her. Bennett, walking with a group of Chinese soldiers, observed the scene. He carried his arm in a sling, but that made no difference; he rushed forward to assist the woman who was being pawed by the annoying stranger. Shoving the man roughly to one side, he said, "It's a break for you that my arm's in a sling. Don't they have any white women where you come from? Can't you tell a lady when you see her?" He hit the Russian on the face with his glove.

The Russian started to retaliate, but the Chinese soldiers closed in and pushed him to his car. Bennett gave his entire attention to Julie.

"On behalf of the entire white race, I [illegible] for what happened to you."

"Thank you." She smiled.

He hailed another rickshaw for her, paid the first one, excused himself from the Chinese soldiers and started to walk to the hotel with the girl.

"Stranger in Shanghai?" he inquired.

She hesitated about answering, so he continued.

"It's a bit dangerous for a girl to wander about alone, when she's dangerously attractive."

"Thank you, Mr. Bennett."

He [illegible], and [illegible] at her [illegible]. "Don't [illegible] that I've met you somewhere and forgotten. That would be impossible."

"Thank you some more. I [illegible] the papers. Your picture is always [illegible] your article. And I've [illegible] you once or twice at the hotel."

"Living at the Cathay?"

She nodded.

"And I've missed you?"

"I don't go out much," she continued.

"Well, we'll have to do something about that."

When they reached the hotel, they seated themselves in the lobby. They had no more than done so, when Bennett was called to the phone. During his absence Julie left and went to her room, but she was not so easily parted from the lad. Upon finding her gone, Bennett went to the desk. "That young lady I came with——Miss——Miss——"

"Miss March," the clerk volunteered.

Bennett smiled. "Yes, Miss March, that's right. Where did she go?"

"Up to her room."

"Let me see, she's in——er——"

"Thirteen."

Bennett laughed and hastened to the elevator. A few minutes later he was knocking on the door of room thirteen. She bade him enter and was surprised to learn the identity of her guest.

"Miss March, I'm a reporter for the North China Times," he said as he doffed his cap and stood in the doorway. "Do you play Mah Jong? Neither do I. Have you read 'The Good Earth?' Me too. That's what you call pass[illegible] Buck. Pardon me for stalling."

Julie resented his int[illegible]n, but Bennett failed to note it. He tossed his cap on a nearby divan, picked up the phone and said, "Hello, Room Service. Send up a bottle of champagne—make it a couple of bottles, and snappy, Brother—life is short."

As he hung up the receiver Julie came over to him.

"What did you do that for?"

The lad fumbled. "Why, I——well, I thought I'd——"

There was a lack of anger in her voice which merely emphasized her distress. "Do I look like the sort any man can take so completely for granted?"

Dumfounded, Bennett could make no answer. She continued.

"Of course, I may be that sort of woman, but do I look it? I wish you'd answer me.

"If my conduct has offended you—"

Julie checked him. "Not so much your conduct as the inference of your conduct. You haven't answered my question."

"I'll answer it with another question. Do I impress you as a low and stupid scoundrel?"

"No," she replied. "I have every reason to believe you are quite the contrary."

"Then how can you think me capable of believing you anything but what you are? I wish you'd answer me."

"I wish I could. Maybe it's my fault. Maybe I do look that way."

"Miss March, any man who could glance at you once and get the wrong impression, deserves to be horsewhipped. If there is one thing I despise it's the filthy imitation of a man who assumes that all women—" he was interrupted by a knock on the door. The waiter entered with the champagne. "Take it out of here," Bennett ordered.

"No, open it." Julie ordered.

Bennett's face broke into a smile. His left arm came out of the sling and applauded vociferously. Julie was surprised at the sudden revelation that Bennett's arm was not crippled at all. He noted the expression on her face and inquired, "What's wrong?"

"On behalf of the entire white race, I [illegible] said Bennett. (Posed by [illegible])

"Your arm—I thought—"

"Oh, my arm's all right," he sheepishly confessed.

"Then why do you [illegible] it in a sling?"

Bennett took a coin from his pocket, tossed it in the air and looked at it in the palm of his hand. "Heads." He sighed. "That means I've got to tell you the truth, which I hate to do unless it becomes absolutely necessary. You see it was like this. A few months ago I got schnozzled in Paris and fell down a flight of stairs. I sprained my arm. The next day after it happened one of the newspapers took my picture. My arm was in a sling. It looked good. I've kept it in a sling ever since."

"But why?"

"You embarrass me." Again he tossed the coin and looked at it. "Heads. Looks like nothing but the [illegible] today. Let's start this for a promise—life is pretty ugly. Agreed?" She nodded and he continued. "Well, you do what you can to [illegible] it up. It's quite simple. A war correspondent with his arm in a sling is more interesting than a war correspondent without his arm in a sling. It's a great build-up. People ask how it happened. You tell 'em—and you lie like a trooper."

"You did think I was that sort of woman, didn't you?" Julie asked suddenly.

He hesitated. She met his eyes unwaveringly. He tossed the coin. She looked at it in the palm of his hand. "Heads. Tell me the truth—it won't hurt. You did think so, didn't you?"

"No."

She was grateful. "You're a liar—and a gentleman."

He walked over to the table, opened the bottle of champagne. "I'll have to drink to you on that!"

From then on Julie and Bennett became pals. They were frequently seen together. Newspapers picked up the account of his meeting and broadcast it in big headlines. "WAR CORRESPONDENT SAVES AMERICAN GIRL FROM STREET RIOT. Unarmed, Franklin Bennett, Braves Enraged Coolie Mob in Shanghai and rescues Julie March."

Kenyon, at his headquarters, read the story and had just finished reading it when Bennett was announced. The expression on his face was sardonic as he commanded the orderly to admit the War Correspondent. Bennett was amazed to find General Ching a white man, and his old pal Kenyon, yet he quickly masked his surprise and pretended that he had known all along.

"Hello, Kenyon."

"General Ching to you."

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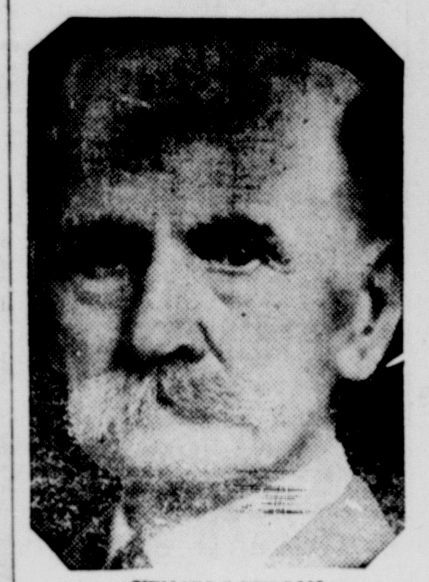
They Relate Their Experience



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Greetings to the Citizens of the Sikeston District

We desire, on the threshhold of a New Year, 1933, to thank every individual in this District who has patronized the Frisco Railway through the Sikeston station, either as a passenger or a shipper, for the business that has been accorded us during 1932. We have tried to serve you faithfully, honestly and courteously and promise you that if you give us the opportunity during 1933 we will make every effort to please you.

The Frisco Railway Management and Employees Wish You a Merry Christmas and Happiness and Prosperity During 1933.

TOM MALONE, Agent
Sikeston, Missonri

Here's Wishing You and Yours
the Merriest Christmas
and the
Happiest New Year
Yon Have Ever Known

RUSSELL WALKER
Manager
New Madrid Street
KROGER STORE

Happiness and Prosperity During 1933 Is Our Wish For You

On behalf of the management, myself and the employees of the the local office of this great Railway System, we desire to express our appreciation, both to the Sikeston Shippers and Passengers, for the large volume of business you have given us during 1932, and to assure you that in return for a continuance of this patronage during 1933 we will give you the best service possible.

J. E. ROBINSON
Sikeston Agent

MISSOURI PACIFIC LINES

CHRISTMAS DAY

IT IS not definitely known when Christmas was first celebrated. The institution of the festival is attributed to Telesphorus, who flourished in the reign of Antoninus Pius (131-161 A. D.). The reason for the final choice of December 25 cannot now be determined. As Christianity spread, the feast of the winter solstice, the time when the day begins to increase, and light to triumph over darkness, was changed into the Feast of Christ, the Light of Life.

1932

The Christmas Carolers Are Welcome Everywhere

"HERE come the Carolers."

So it used to be. Young faces pressed against the windowpane, straining to hear the cheerful carols outside. Perhaps it was the story of the Christ child put to tune or a ballad of love and cheer. When the singers were done the householder invited them in for a bite and a sup, or gave them a coin or two for their song.

Then on to the next house, to sing again under the stars or veiled behind sifted snow.

And then, in the early morning, home again to their own firesides.

It was a good old custom, this midnight minstrelsy in the season of peace and goodwill. "With the beginning of Yuletide, twelve days before Christmas day," as Percival Chubb tells us in the Standard, published in New York by the American Ethical Union, "small bands of musicians went the rounds and, 'in the mire' or on the road or on the steps, played the old folk tunes as a lyrical prelude to the great day." To some of the antique ballad airs, like "Good King Wenceslaus," says Mr. Chubb, the singers would add a hymn tune or two—"Once in David's Royal City" or "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." "Punctuating the bustle of domestic preparation for the coming feast, these ministrations in the still night gave a breath of poetry that touched the spirit of Christmas with an endearing beauty. Day by day the tide of joyous anticipation rose until the crescendo broke into a forte of exuberance."

Those simple days of the folk are gone, says Mr. Chubb; the glory is departed.

But the custom of making the rounds on Christmas eve to sing carols of peace and good will on earth still prevails here and there.—Literary Digest.

Make Christmas Burden, Be Unhappy Rest of Year

IT IS so customary nowadays to hear disparagement of Christmas as a season of vanity, selfish display, greed and covetousness that we like to point out the other side. Some of our cynics declare that Christmas gifts are themselves dictated by self-interest—that they are meanly offered in the hope of a return—with interest—or are an exhibition of vanity. And yet, who would dare to say this of a mother, who deprives herself to give happiness to her children, or of the girl who willingly foregoes some little vanity for the pleasure of her parents? People who make Christmas a burden and a tax show the same attitude throughout the year—their own false standards of living are to blame, and not this holy festival—Rural New-Yorker.

"A Merry Christmas," as Other Nations Say It

THIS is how the nations of the world express the wish "A Merry Christmas": France: Bon Noel; China, Tin Hao Nian; Portugal, Boas Festas; Japan, Kinga Shinnen; Turkey, Ichok Yilara; Hungary, Boldog Karacsonyi Unnipeket; Greece, Chrystovjena; Croatia, Sretan Bozic; Holland, Een Vroolijk Kerstmis; Spain, Felices Pascuas; Germany, Froehliche Weihnachtan; Sweden, Glad Julen; Italy, Felice Natale; Rumania, Cracium Felicitatiune; Bohemia, Vesele Vancoe; Poland, Wesolych Swiat; Denmark, Glaedelig Jul.

EXCHANGED PRESENTS

"What makes Dobbs so angry?"
"He gave Christmas cards instead of presents to all of his friends."
"Well?"
"They did the same to him."

With the Churches

Sikeston Churches Urge You to Attend All Services

CHURCH OF CHRIST

The public is invited to attend services each Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock at 101 South Kingshighway.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

Hours of Masses:
Sundays—7:30 and 9:30
June to October 7:00 and 9:00
Holy Days—6:00 and 9:00
Daily Mass.
Fr. Thos. R. Woods

FREE PENTECOST CHURCH

Highway 60, west of Frisco depot.

Services at the Free Pentecost Church every Wednesday and Saturday nights. Sunday school 10

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday school—9:45. R. A. McCord, superintendent

Sunday morning services—10:45

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Services are held each Sunday morning, 120 E. Malone Aveaue.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School—9:45. Classes for all.

Morning worship—10:45. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "The Christmas Spirit".

Epworth League—6:45.

Evening Worship—7:30. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "The Road to Bethleham".

The public is invited to worship with us.

E. H. OREAR, Pastor

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The annual Christmas program by members of the Sunday school will be given Friday night, December 23. Christmas tree and treat for children.

Sunday, December 25—
Sunday school—9:30.
Morning Worship—10:45.
In charge of the session.

At 7:30 o'clock Sunday night, young people and adults of the congregation will present the annual Christmas Pageant.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school 9:30 Jack Johnson, Superintendent.

A Christmas program will be given by the Sunday school. There will be a tree, and Santa Claus will be present.

B. Y. P. U.—6:30.

The Spizzeranktum Union will give a playlet, entilted "The First Christmas".

Evening worship—7:30.
Sermon by the pastor.
Subject of sermon: "A Child is Born, a Son is Given".

There will be special music at the evening hour.

The public invited to worship with us.

LESLIE GARRISON, Pastor

W. M. U. TO MEET AT CHURCH NEXT THURSDAY

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will hold its meeting at the church next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The program will be given by Circle No. 1, while Circle No. 2 will serve the refreshments. All members are invited to be present.

T. E. L. CLASS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday evening nineteen members of the T. E. L. Class of First Baptist church, enjoyed their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. R. M. Feltner. The house was prettily decorated in Christmas colors and a tree. During the social hour a turkey contest and the play "Is There Arry Train North Today" was enjoyed by the members. Those taking part in the play were: Mesdames W. W. Lankford, Dean Marshall, Boyd Scillian, Elmer Trible and Misses Rebecca Pierce and Millie Jones. There was exchange of gifts by the members and the donation of eatables taken, will be put into baskets and given to the needy for Christmas. A short business session was held, after which refreshments were served by the hostess.

The next meeting of the class will be held with Mrs. Leslie Garrison Tuesday evening, January 3.

XMAS PARTY ENJOYED BY ARBUTUS CLASS MONDAY

Approximately 24 persons were present to enjoy the annual Xmas party of the Arbutus Class of the local Baptist church held in the church basement Monday night, December 19. A delightful covered dish dinner was served, after which a short business meeting was held, and the Christmas gifts for the class's orphan at Pattonville, Mo., were displayed. During the social hour, members were surprised by the arrival of Santa Claus, who distributed the gifts that were to have been exchanged.

The next regular meeting of the class will be held at the home of Mrs. John LaFont Monday evening, January 2, with Mrs. C. E. Gardner assisting as hostess.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MOREHOUSE

(By Dories James)

John Clutcher of Esser was a business visitors in Morehouse Friday.

Earl Parker of Blytheville, Ark., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker, here, Friday.

Mrs. R. M. Beinert and daughters were Sikeston shoppers, Saturday.

Mrs. Haley and daughter, Ethed Mae, and grandson, Willis Maxey, were Poplar Bluff visitors Monday.

The Morehouse public school was was closed Monday and Tuesday while workers were repairing the furnace which burst Friday.

Mrs. S. T. Clayton was able to resume her duties as teacher, this week. after being ill the past month.

Wm. James had business in New Madrid, Monday.

Among those who shopped in Sikeston Saturday were Mrs. O. M. Headlee and daughters, Betty Lou and Carol Jean, Mrs. Don Headlee, Mrs. Josie Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Maxey.

Mrs. Ida Mae McVey of Morehouse and Mrs. Mackennally of Steele will leave Friday to spend the Christmas holidays in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Dade Bryant had business in the county seat, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Fisher and daughter, Kathryn, joined the treasure hunt in Sikeston Saturday.

Mrs. A. W. Colyer and son, Charles, were in Dexter on business, Monday.

Henry Gully and Mrs. Paul James and Miss Imogene Love of Sikeston visited in Morehouse a short while, Tuesday.

Harry Luer of Cape Girardeau looked after business matters in our city, Saturday.

Cecil Brown was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mathis of Sikeston Saturday night.

Mrs. Ruby Hines and Miss Wave Parker of Bloomfield visited with friends here last Thursday.

Send your evening dress for special attention. Phone 127 for a Faultless man.

TO EACH OF OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS GREETINGS

We are caught up in this great inspiring, helpful spirit of the Yuletide season—it is our wish that new jobs not known before may come to you and abide with you through the days and weeks and months of the New Year.

May your mind be brighter; your Heart be lighter and may the joy of giving and the pleasure of a richer life be yours in 1933.

Because of your fine loyalty to this business in the past we send this word of Greeting for Christmas and the New Year and wish here to also express our sincere thanks and lasting gratitude to each of you.

To continue to serve you is a privilege we seek and in which we will find pleasure.

S. & M. GROCERY

Here's wishing for you that Santa Claus will leave you a great big bundle of

HAPPINESS

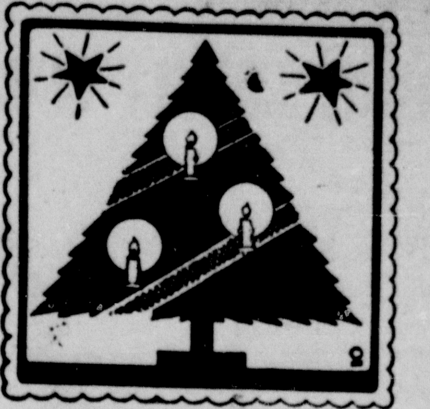
for this glad Christmas Season and Father Time will deal generously with you as the days go by.

TURNER & BAKER
Automobile Mechanics
Oils and Accessories
Phone 551 Erdmann Building

Straight from the Heart and in a way we hope you'll understand that we mean it.

We wish you a Most Joyous Xmas and a Bright, Happy, Prosperous New Year.

Kirby's Cafe



Our Christmas Wish

for our good friends is that it may bring you in touch with those you love and that together with those friends and relatives you may revel in wholesome, helpful enjoyment

For 1933

We are hoping each day will be filled with happy hours in which you will accomplish much for yourself and for others.

WHIZ-BANG STORE
B. E. TOPPER, Mgr.

The Old, Old Wish

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

is our Greeting to every one of you.

UNO OIL COMPANY
J. F. Cox, Manager

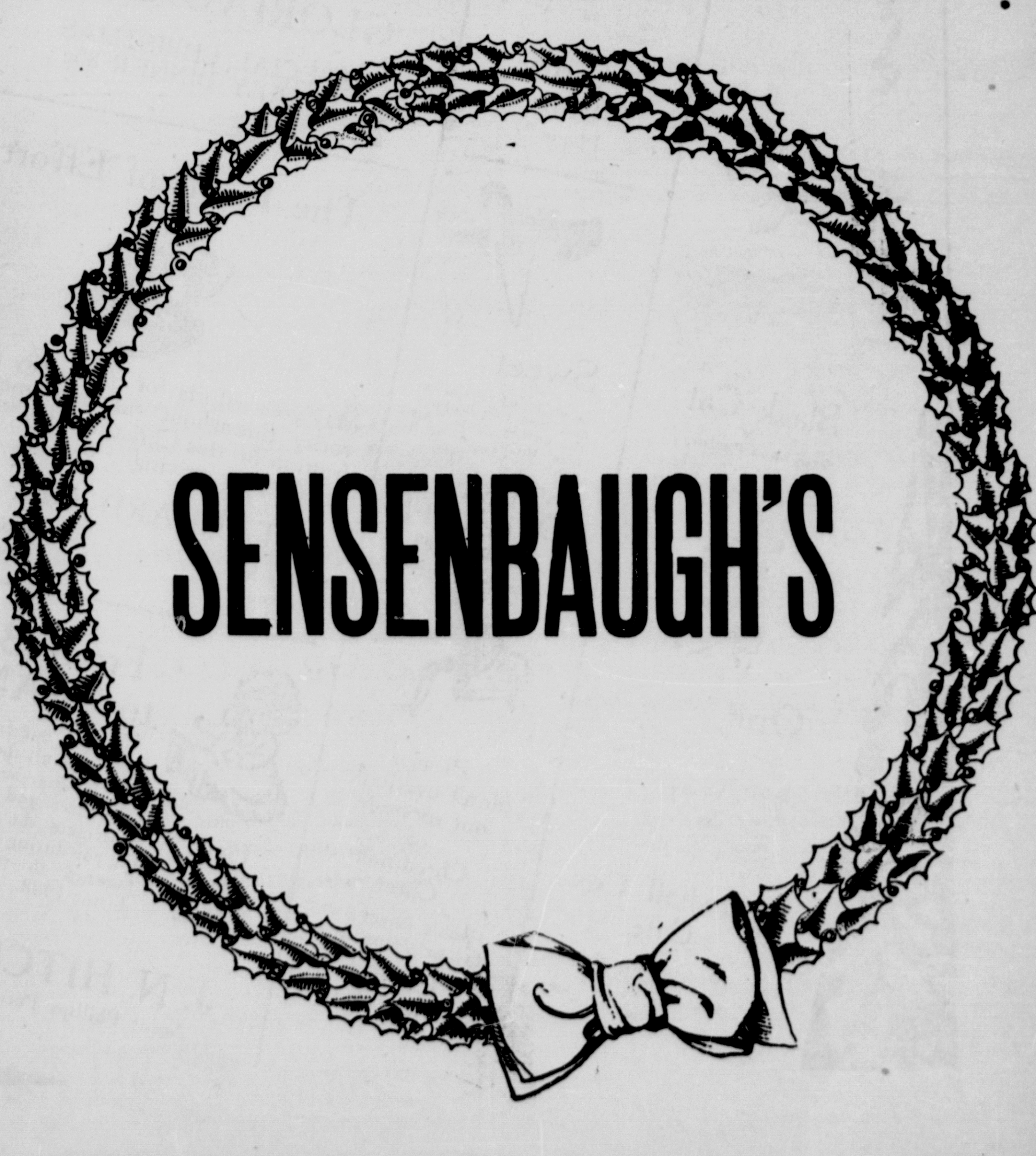
TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

—those whose friendship we have strived so hard to deserve through the past year, we wish you a

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

We hope to have your patronage and friendship throughout the year 1933 and we assure you that we will show our appreciation in service to you.

Sutton Brothers
Groceries and Hardware



SENSENBAUGH'S

MERRIE CHRISTMAS

Ables Shoe Hospital

hopes that Santa Claus' reindeer will bring you a sleighful of good cheer and good fortune.

20 Years Serving Sikeston

A GLAD YULE

for this year and many years after is our wish for you.

DICK SPARKS
BARBER SHOP

The Jefferson Hotel

announces the hope that each peal of the Christmas chimes rings in a bit of good luck for our friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Nall

THE season's greetings to our many friends. May the joy of Christmastide be yours in full.

HUGH STEWART

A GOOD old fashioned Christmas, replete with cheer and jollity to you and your dear ones. May the blessings of the day attend upon you.

SOUTHSIDE GROCERY

J. W. MARSHALL

Parks' O. K. Barber Shop

hopes that Santa brings you all the good things of life.

The blessings of prosperty attend our friends! This si our earnest and pious wish for the 1932 Yuletide.

Black Cat

Opp. Shoe Factory

One

day stands out beyond all others as a day of Good Will and Jolity. On that day—Christmas—we wish a lifetime of Peace and Prosperity to our friends and their dear ones.

Marshall Cox Cafe

1st door W. Malone Theatre.
Visit Us After the Show

Santa promises a joyous Yule this year. May his prophecy come true in full to all our friends.

Carter Store
Phone 97

Sweet

be your rest on Christmas Eve. Gay be your fun on the Yule. All good things go with you!

STEVE SCHROFF
Conoco Station

Please don't overlook our message of Christmas Cheer

Don't forget our low prices on tires.

Trousdale Service Station
Phone 422

YOU CAN'T LEARN IT IN BOOKS!

THAT good old fashioned Christmas Good Will and Jollity must be read in the smiles of our friends. To you and your dear ones we proffer our expression of sincerest Good Cheer.

Xmas 1932

GLORIA'S CAFE

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS
TURKEY DINNER 35c

The Fruits of Effort

May your efforts for prosperity and security throughout the year meet with fruition on this Christmas day. Success attend your striving.

STANDARD OIL CO.

Ruskin McCoy
Bill Keller

Frank Kindred
Ben Sells, Jr.

From BABY to GRANDPA

Dec. 25th 1932

We wish our friends and their loved ones all the good things of life; lasting health, prosperity, good cheer and happiness. We appreciate the privilege of serving you during the year, and look forward to renewed friendship during 1933.

J. N. HITCHCOCK
Agent Phillips Petroleum Products

We Wish
YOU ALL
The Season's Greetings and an abundance of happiness during the
NEW YEAR

Sikeston Coal Co.

Blessings On Your Home

May the Christmas gift of Providence for all your household be permanent prosperity, good health and happiness. This is our Yuletide wish to all our friends . . for 1933 and every other year.

P. E. Crawford and Family

MAY the GUARDIAN ANGEL

protect you and yours from all ills from this day forth—our Yule wish.

Eva Newton
Hemstitching and Art Shop

Christmas . . .

—a day of Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men. It is the day when we express our gratitude and friendship to those patrons to whom we owe success.

Jewell Coal Yard
Phone 69

Xmas 1932

For some of us 1932 may have had its share of gloom and worry. But now is come the golden tide of Christmas, bringing with it joyous serenity and genuine good cheer. May the Christmas spirit last during all the New Year.

Sikeston Building and Loan Ass'n

Dividends for Past Six Months $6888.04
We paid out during December $5000 in loans and $5000 in matured stock.

We are still selling stock. See us for our plan

A FEAST OF GOOD WILL

YULETIDE is the time of good cheer and good will. We are in tune with the times: for we wish all the blessings of Providence upon our friends.

Heller Shoe Shop
Opposite Dye Hotel

FIRST

last, and always we wish you the choicest blessings of Providence. May this Christmas and many others see you in health and wealth.

Sinclair Oil Company

Fred "Lefty" Sheible
Agent

Mince Pies Prohibited in Days of the Puritans

THE mince pie has had many enemies.

The Puritans would have none of it, and even in the Eighteenth century it was a forbidden delicacy to a large number of clergymen. During the Commonwealth the holding of Christmas festivals was forbidden.

In 1644 parliament passed an act ordering all citizens to observe Christmas day as a solemn fast, to be spent in silent atonement for previous festivals that had passed in riotous living and merrymaking. This order remained in force for 12 years.

The authorities in several towns tried to reduce Christmas day to the level of other days. In Canterbury, by order of the mayor, it was proclaimed that "Christmas day and all other superstitious festivals should be put down."

People who attended service in the cathedral were mobbed. The inhabitants formed themselves into two parties, and feeling in the matter frequently resulted in the exchange of blows.

In 1652 it was proclaimed that "no observation shall be had of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day, nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches."

The order was enforced by soldiers. Ovens and larders were searched, and where seasonable dainties or decorations were found they were carried off and destroyed. A changed attitude towards the Puritan dislike of Christmas festivities came with the restoration of King Charles.

Ghostly Christmas Bells to Greet Merry Yuletide

AMONGST the bells which will ring out to greet the coming Yuletide will be many ghostly peals, heard no other night in the year; for tradition says that the bells of all buried churches join the chorus every Christmas eve.

There are the bells of Raleigh, once a prosperous village in Nottinghamshire, now only a country valley. All sign of habitation was swallowed up many years ago by an earthquake. It is said that every Christmas eve the bells of the old church are heard to ring again. A legend of this kind is told of a country church near Preston, the very name of which nobody knows.

In Holland the story of the city of Been is told every Christmas. This wonderful place was famous for its magnificence and beauty, and also for its wickedness and shamelessness. One day the whole city was swallowed up by the sea.

The submerged bells of Dunwich, now covered by the sea, are said to join the ghostly chorus.

1932

Celebrated Christmas on Way to North Pole

CAPTAIN SCOTT and his men on their way to the Pole once celebrated Christmas day by having a wash in a cupful of water each, and by washing their shirts. On another occasion, after being on short rations they kept Christmas day by consuming such luxuries as raisins and chocolates for breakfast, and for supper they indulged in four courses. First of all, there was a full whack of pemmican, with slices of horse meat flavored with onion and curry powder and thickened with biscuit, then arrowroot cocoa and biscuit hoosh sweetened, then plum pudding, then cocoa with raisins, and finally, a dessert of caramels and ginger. "After all this," says Scott, "it was difficult to move. Wilson and I couldn't finish our share of the plum pudding. We felt thoroughly warm and slept splendidly." But the advance was slow the following day owing, probably, to the tightening of the night before.

THREE YULETIDES

THREE Christmases are celebrated every year in the Church of Nativity at Bethlehem. The first occurs in the Roman Catholic section on December 25; 18 days later the Greek Orthodox church hold their celebrations, to be followed by those of the Armenian church in another 18 days.

1932

The Christmas Mince Pie

The inevitability of hot mince pie on the Christmas board explains why it is well for the national digestion that there is only one Christmas dinner a year.

One Sad Thing About Christmas

The saddest thing about Christmas is that the good fellowship the day inspires too often withers with the Yule tree and is tossed out of doors.

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa:

I am just a little boy 7 years old. I go to Sunday school and school. Now, Santa, I have heard many remarks about you. Some say you fell and broke your neck, but I'm not believing what I hear I'm looking for you. I want a truck, a cowboy suit, a train and Santa do not forget my little friends take them something nice. Oh yes, remember my two grandpas, Mathis and Briggs. They are both looking for you.

JNO. FREDERICK MATHIS

Dear Santa:

Just to remind you that Xmas is just around the corner and I haven't forgotten you, thanking you for what you brought me last Xmas. Please remember the other boys and girls and please remember the sick and afflicted of our town. Now Santa, I would like to have you bring me a fire truck, wind-up train. This will be all. Please remember Mrs. J. M. Klein and my grandma and grandpa Briggs and grandpa Mathis.

THOS. MATHIS

Dear Santa:

As Xmas is just around the corner I thought I'd better write you a few lines. I have been waiting to let other girls and boys get their letters in, so Santa, if you have something left after you give all other little poor girls and boys something, you can leave me whatever that might be. Santa, please remember Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mathis. Don't leave out anyone and do remember those who are sick and who have nothing at all for oh there are so many.

MILDRED HELEN MATHIS

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl about 30 years old. I have been good all year, so please bring my boy friend a new car. I am tired of riding in an ambulance, so don't forget me.

RUTH NITMEN

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 8 years old, in the second grade. I want you to bring me a gun, car, airplane, aviator cap and fruits and candies.

BILLY COMER, JR.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 2 years old, so don't forget me just because I am little. I want a doll, a new coat, a horn, fruit and candy. Don't forget my two big sisters and my big brother and dear mother and dad. O. K. Santa.

JOYCE ELAINE COMER

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 10 years old. I want you to bring me a pair of skates, a doll, a box of hankies, a pair of hose, also fruit, nuts and candy. I am in the 5th grade in Miss Ragains' room. Don't forget her and also don't forget Maudie and Beulah. Be sure and bring them something nice.

WANDA GALE COMER

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 2 years old and I want to tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a little red wagon, a tricycle, doll and doll buggy, doll bed and dishes. Don't forget nuts, candy and fruit, too. Remember all other little girls and boys. And please don't forget my Uncle Charley Henson, for he wants a tricyle too and a rubber bird dog and a real good BB gun. This be all for this year.

JACKIE COLLEN BROWN

Dear Santa:

I am a girl 16 years old. I have brown wavy hair and brown eyes and weigh 170 lbs. I want you to bring me a bowl of chili and also a new boy friend. I would like to have one that works on the railroad.

LAURA DAVID

Dear Santa:

I have been asking folks to give me a pair of silk hose for a long time. They haven't given them to me so Santa, will you please bring me a pair for Xmas? Size 10 and any color will be all right. I certainly will thank you.

LUTE JACKSON

Dear Santa:

Here we are again this Xmas looking for you, but we are not asking you to bring us very much. We'd like to have a football and a watch and bring our little brother, Jimmie, a doll and a watch. We will be pleased with anything you bring us. We'd like to have some candy, nuts and apples. Please do not forget little Mary, Jno., Virgie Mae, Jewell, Bille, Rosalee and also Aunt Sida Kitty.

TED and T. V. HUNTER

P. S.: Don't forget Mr. and Mrs. Joyner.

Dear Santa:

Dear Santa:

I am 65 years old and I want to thank you for the nice Xmas presents I got last year and I hope to be remembered this Xmas and receive lots of nice things, but of all the nice presents you got, I want a powder puff and a cook apron. And Santa, don't forget my little friends, Jimmie Turner, Virgie, Sonny, A. J., Larry Jean Hale, Claude Turner, Russell Turner, T. V. Hunter, Charles Randolph, Ted and Jimmie Hunter, Watson Evert, Milard, Fred and Thomas Mathis and Evelyn and Gene Klein.

GRANNY WEATHEON

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll. Let her name be Emily, because my girl friend's name is Emily. Please bring Berniece Husher a hot water bottle and this will be all.

RALPH BAKER

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy about 13 years old and I am in Miss Tanner's room in the sixth grade. Don't forget me and my little brothers. You can bring me a baby doll and a little train and don't forget Howard Wilson. Bring him a nipple and bottle.

LESTER BAILEY

Dear Santa:

I am a boy 12 years old and I want you to bring me a bottle and a a can of Eagle Brand and bring my pal, Sibert Harding, a cap pistol and a rope so he can play cowboy and Indian with me and don't forget to bring me a pair of flannels.

HOWARD WILSON

Dear Santa:

I am a big girl. I am 11 years old in the sixth grade and in Miss Tanner's room. Santa, now I know you will give me what I want, for you always do. Please bring me a new bottle for my other one is old. Bring Elwood Taylor a new green shirt.

MARY EMMA HEATH

Dear Santa:

I want you to bring me a doll that is black and has kinky hair and a bottle and nipple and don't forget my school teacher, Miss Tanner, a strap with her name engraved on the inside, send Miss Dalton a new Don Evans, because he has almost talked her out of her senses.

EMILY KENDALL.

Dear Santa:

Just a few lines to let you know what a few of my friends and I would like to get for Xmas. I would appreciate it very much if you would bring me a new cowboy suit like the one Cecil Montgomery got last year. I would also like to get a new horn, tricycle, and Santa, please don't forget to bring me a bottle of mustache blacking. My friend, Cecil Montgomery, would like to get a new derby hat, a pair of spats, a green necktie and a new pair of red flannels. Henry Hazel would be very well pleased if ou would bring him a new puddle jumper so he could go to St. Louis and see his girl friend, Alma Nunn. Kelly Humes wants you to bring him a little "Dolly". If you will send these few gifts to us and remember all other little kiddies, we will be very happy.

HUNTER LIMBAUGH

Dear Santa:

I am only 17 years old and in the 12th grade. Bring me a quart of "lye" whiskey and a plug of Star tobacco. Don't forget Jack Fitzgerald's baby doll.

"LUKE" REED

Dear Santa:

I am a small boy, 19 years old and I am in the 12th grade. Bring me a package of Crazy Crystals and a book. Don't forget Margaret and Genevieve.

"MONK" JACKSON

Himmell, Mo.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl four years old. I live at Himmel, and help my mother sometimes. I have tried to be good. I have taken care of things you brought me last year, and thank you very much for them. This year I would like for you to bring me a doll buggy, a drum and some candy and nuts. Don't forget the other little boys and girls who live out here.

BETTY ANN FRAZIER

Dear Santa:

We were so happy to see you in town Saturday. We know now you will visit us on Xmas Eve night. We are Norman Ray and Velma Burse, 5 and 6 years old. Please bring us a doll and buggy for Velma and a buddy truck, a gun and top for Norman Ray. Do not forget any little boys and girls this year. We want them to be happy too.

NORMAN RAY
VELMA BURSE

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy about 28 years old. My nickname is "Peg". I would like for you to bring me a new basketball team for the one I have has gone girl crazy. If you have a book similar to Leonardo Da Vinci I would like to have it because I enjoy reading books of this sort. I wish you would send Cletis a new Rule Book so he may call charging with the ball. Bring me a new line of jawbone because the one I feed my Social Civics class is about run out. I can never forgive you though, because I lost my vote last election. Please send me the latest Ballyhoo, and the January issue of True Story. I enjoy reading them very much.

W. E. "PEG" MAHEW

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl. I want a doll, a string of beds, a ring, a story book, a set of dishes and some jacks and a ball. Please bring me some paper dolls. Remember Mr. Stallings and bring him some candy because he has been a good little boy.

AGNES ERLI

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a teddy bear, a set of ABC blocks, a cap gun, because dad is going hunting. Please wake me up and talk to me. Remember my little play mate, Miss Cowan and all the other little teachers.

THARON STALLINGS

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl and I am 3 years old and I want a doll that sleeps and a doll buggy for my doll, and some nuts and candy and fruits. And please do not forget the little children who will not get anything and do not forget my daddy and mother.

VIRGINIA LEE LATHOM

We Greet You and We Thank You!

May this Christmas be all that you could hope it to be and mya the year 1933 be one of continued happiness, peace and prosperity for each of you.

Scott County Abstract Co.
BENTON, MISSOURI
HARRIS D. RODGERS, Mgr.
Farm Loans, Long Times, Low Interest Rate. Correspondence Invited

THE GOODWIN COMPANY
Wishes that all may enjoy
PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS
This Christmas and Throughout the Coming Year.

All I have to offer is
Good Cheer
A Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
Joseph W. Myers
Police Judge and J. P.

HAPPINESS

Christmas belongs primarily to the young—young in heart. And these are going to be happy under nearly any kind of circumstances. Are they not much wiser in this than those of us who would surrender many of our days to gloom.

Certainly they are. And this firm is joining hand in hand with all those who in spite of the depression are going to spread the Gospel of Good Cheer.

SUEDEKUM & SON
HARDWARE CO.
CAPE GIRARDEAU

EVERYBODY WELCOMES CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season calls us from the toil of and care of business to the refreshment and rest of play and merriment. The change is a salutary one. Too much business worry not only impairs our health, but, what is worse, it impairs our spirit. For the person with a crabbed and sour spirit has completely failed in life. Let us, then, forget for a while the bother and pother of money affairs and together enjoy to our everlasting good a wholesome period of gladness, hope and refreshment to the soul.

C. B. POAGE & SON
Distributor of
ADLER RADIATOR Shields MELLOW Warm Air Furnaces
Ideal Liquid Heat Oil Burners, Superfex Oil Burning Heaters
Johns-Manville Asbestos Shingle Roofs
Phone 674W Sikeston, Mo.

If We Could Only Be Your Santa Claus

We'd fill your needs of life with the things you most need and desire.

To all our patrons we send the season's choicest greetings and express our lasting thanks for favors of the past.

We look to the future in the hope of continuing to serve you.

Annes Beauty Shop

We Send This Message of Appreciation To All Our Many Friends and Patrons

. . . and sincerely trust that we have so served and satisfied you that we may have your business during the coming year. If we have pleased you, tell others; if we have not, tell us.

WOLF'S HOUSE FURNISHING CO
119 N. Main St. Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Flowers

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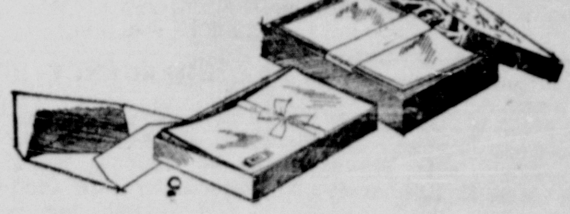

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AT THIS GOOD CHRISTMAS TIME

It is a matter of much satisfaction to us that we account the good will of our friends among the chief assets of our business. We have long had the vision of Good Will and Helpfulness among men. Now that the Merry Christmas times are here again we hasten to express our wish that

Our Friends and Patrons and all others will enjoy a most Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

HECHT'S
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

News of The Town

MRS. C. M. HARRIS, Phone 581

Miss Emily Blanton, a student at Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., arrived home yesterday morning to spend the Xmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Blanton.

Send your holiday cleaning to us for that proper attention. Phone 127—the Faultless Cleaners.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gocke of East St. Louis are expected Saturday to spend until after Christmas with Mrs. Gocke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keith.

Miss Alma Harris of St. Louis is visiting her father and sister, C. H. Harris and Mrs. Walter Clymer and family. Others expected for Christmas day are: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kneibert and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis of Jackson. Mrs. Kneibert is another daughter of Mr. Harris.

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Henry Calhoon of Akron, Ohio, stopped in Sikeston Wednesday for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. George H. Barger, while enroute to his home at Wynne, Ark., to spend Christmas. Mr. Calhoon was a former resident of Sikeston and has been at Akron the past five years, where he has employment in a tire factory.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Orear were in Charleston Tuesday, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Ogilvie.

Miss Carrie Nell Mount has been absent from school this week on account of having the flu.

James Law spent yesterday and today at Clinton, Ky., visiting with frineds.

Mrs. W. T. Malone and daughter, Mrs. C. E. Brown of Charleston were visitors in Cape Girardeau today (Thursday).

T. F. Sewell of West Plains is expected Saturday to spend over Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. W. T. Malone and Mr. Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Johnson of St. Louis will come today (Friday) to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Welsh.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown of Charleston will spend Christmas here with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Malone.

By mistake The Standard misquoted the price on roses for the Sikeston Greenhouse in the Tuesday issue of the paper. Roses which should have been priced at $1.50 per dozen were quoted as fifty cents per dozen. Mr. Woehlecke assures the public that these are exceptional values.

Gord Dill was in St. Louis on business yesterday and today.

H. J. Welsh is able to be out again, after a severe case of the flu.

Send your evening dress for special attention. Phone 127 for a Faultless man.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carroll will spend Christmas day and Monday in Fredericktown with Mrs. Carroll's sister, Mrs. E. P. Francis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ellis and children, Lila Lee and Murray Edwards, of St. Louis, are visiting with Mrs. Ellis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Sitzes. They came Tuesday, having been called here by the death of Mr. Ellis' brother, Louis Ellis. They will remain until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ensor and son, John Richard, will leave tomorrow (Saturday) for Dyersburg, Tenn., to spend Christmas with Mr. Ensor's parents, Rev. and Mrs. John O. Ensor. They will return Monday.

J. M., Jr., and Bob Sitzes will go today (Friday) to Bessville, where they will spend a week visiting with their uncle, John M. Sitzes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Scott were visitors in Cape Girardeau yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lumsden and children will spend Christmas with Mrs. Lumsden's mother, Mrs. J. L. Helton, at Cape Girardeau. Miss Valene Helton, who lives here with her sister, will accompany them to the Cape and will remain during the holidays with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruskin Cook of St. Louis came yesterday to spend until after Christmas with Mr. Cook's mother, Mrs. C. A. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Hebert Lumsden of Urbana, Ill., arrived here yesterday to visit until Saturday with his brother, David Lumsden and family. Saturday, they will go to Canalou to spend Christmas holidays with Mrs. Lumsden's mother, Mrs. Sarah Lumsden. Mr. Lumsden is attending the Illinois University at Urbana.

Mr. and Mrs. Farris Walker of Caruthersville and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bains of Newport, Ark., arrived Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. S. A. Swanagon, mother of the two ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Tinder of Poplar Bluff are expected Christmas day at the Swanagon home.

Among the college students who are here to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents are: Z. W. Kilgore, Carroll Sutton and Miss Hazel Lumsden of Central College, Fayette; Misses Ruth Felker and Virginia Mount of Christian College, Columbia; Garwood Sharp, Kendall Sikes, Conley Purcell, Robert Mow, Robert Dempster and Miss Edith Becker of Missouri University Columbia; Ralph Bailey, Jr., John Denman, J. L. Garrison, Anderson Hayden, P. D. Malone, Billie Fox and Misses Ann Beck and Lillian Reiss, of Southeast Missouri Teachers College, Cape Girardeau and Miss Emily Blanton of Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.

Misses Mayme Jean Wilbur, Mary Lou McCoy and Elmer Poage shopped in Cape Girardeau Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Griffith are here from Monett, Mo., to spend the holidays with homefolks.

After being kept in bed for the past two months, Jake Sitzes is able to be up and about his room. Here's hoping Santa Claus will bring him renewed health.

Miss Roberta Noble of Chicago will spend the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noble.

Fred Rodman of St. Joe is expected to spend the holidays here with Mrs. Rodman, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kendall.

We are glad to report Miss Lucille Kendall as improving in health, after a six weeks' illness.

Peggy Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lair, is ill of the flue at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Lair, Sr., at Charleston.

Miss Nadine Sellards, who is teaching near Festus, is expected Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sellards.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson and children, Billy and Betty, left yesterday for Jacksonville, Ill., to spend over Christmas with Mrs. Anderson's mother, Mrs. W. R. Huckaby.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Converse expect to leave Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives at St. Louis and University City.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sellards and daughter, Miss Effie, of Flat River and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wilson of Leadwood are expected Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Sellards. They are expected to be here for the week.

The Royal Neighbor Lodge will meet at the I. O. O. F. Hall Friday afternoon, December 30. The meeting will convene at 2:00 o'clock and all members of the lodge are urged to be present, as at this time election of new officers will be held.

Miss Mae Bean visited her sister, Mrs. Grover Drake, at Canalou from Saturday until Wednesday.

Mrs. Jake Carroll and children and Miss Mae Bean left Thursday for Duquoin, Ill., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with the former's mother and sister, Mrs. John Graham and Virginia Branum.

Mrs. Grover Drake of Canalou shopped in Sikeston Wednesday.

Dr. L. N. Frazier, of Wooster, Ohio, formerly located in Sikeston paid The Standard office a social visit Thursday forenoon. The Doctor has many friends in Southeast Missouri, who are always glad to see him.

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Grace Asher of Cooter, Mo., returned Sunday to the home of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Vincent at New Madrid.

Gid Daniels has hopes that he may be permitted to spend Xmas day at home. His injuries sustained during the December 13 garage shooting affair are healing splendidly, and Gid is on the road to recovery. One of his distinguished guests Thursday afternoon was Ben Cain, postoffice inspector and close friend.

Mrs. Robert Poage and son are getting along nicely.

Mrs. Herbert Vowels of Charleston and daughter are in good health. The child was born last Sunday noon.

George Bartlet, Sikeston youth who argued recently with a dough break at Schorle Brothers' Bakery, accidently crushing one hand, was released last Saturday. He is on the road to recovery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors who assisted us during the recent death of our son and brother, Louie Ellis. We wish especially to thank Rev. Finis Jones for his comforting words, and those who brought floral offerings.

Mrs. Sallie Ellis and Family.

Dear Santa:

Here I am again this Xmas. I am a little girl of 17 years, weigh 123 lbs. I know that times are hard, but there are a few things you can bring me that won't cost much. But I would like a new boy friend. Santa, I am not hard to please, but do not bring me a boy friend with black hair or grows a mustache or one of those gigilo type. I like a blonde haired fellow with blue eyes and a keen sense of humor and a sweet smile. Please do not send me a pool room sheik, but one that will always be on hand when I want to talk to him. Please don't forget your little girl friend.

EVA JOHNSON

P. S.: Please think of my other boy and girl friends.

Dear Santa:

I want a set of dishes, a floor lamp, an electric iron, electric stove, a radio, a piano. But don't forget other boys and girls and their mothers and fathers. Bring them some toys too.

LINDA MATTHEWS

Dear Sanat Claus:

I am only a poor barber, but I have not forgotten you. Santa, I wish you would bring me a new pair of shoes so I won't have to borrow dad's on date nights. And dear old Santa, don't forget my girl at La Forge. Be sure and send her something nice as she is only a little girl 17 years old and weighs 173. And don't forget all my friends. Send something nice to them.

WILLARD PARKS

Dear Santa:

I am writing to you to let you know I still believe there is a Santa Claus. because I received a pair of garters and a handkerchief last Xmas. If you will please bring me a life-like baby doll I would wish a marriage license and a man to go with it. Please have him blue eyes and dizzy blonde. That's all Santa.

EUNICE SAYLORS

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll, a trunk a new dress, some slippers, some gloves, a tam, a tricycle, a stove, a cabinet some nuts, apples, or- a cabinet, some nuts, apples, or- don't forget the other little girls and boys.

MILDRED LAMBERT

FACTORY AND BANKS TO HAVE HOLIDAY

Both Sikeston banks, the Trust Company and Bank of Sikeston will observe "second Christmas Day" by remaining closed all day Monday, December 26. International Shoe Factory employees quit work Thursday evening at the usual hour, to remain off duty until December 27.

MUCH-POSTPONED PLAY POSTPONED UNTIL JAN.

The high school glee club operetta will be given during the second week in January, according to an announcement from Supt. Roy V. Ellise today. The musical playlet has been set and reset tentatively on several previous occasions, when influenza and, following that, cold weather interfered.

COMMISSION DENIES APPEAL FOR REHEARING IN UTILITIES RATE CASE

Bulletin

Jefferson City, December 21.—The State Public Service Commission today denied a rehearing to the Missouri Utilities Co., which recently was ordered to file new electric rate schedules in its "northern group" in Southwest Missouri, with a view of saving consumers approximately $100,000 a year.

The commission denied the rehearing without comment and ruled the order into immediate effect.

The company is expected to carry the case to the courts.

Under terms of an order filed November 1 by the Public Service Commission the Missouri Utilities Company was ordered to file by Tuesday, December 20, a new schedule of electric light and power rates to effect an estimated saving of $100,000 annually to consumers in 26 Southeast Missouri towns.

According to T. A. Martin, district manager of the Missouri Utilities Company here, the new schedule was prepared in ample time for filing, but he had not been advised Wednesday regarding action before the commission. The new rate structure, if accepted, would be effective January 1.

One primary cause set forth by Mr. Martin justifying the rehearing asked for, was the discrepancy between valuations for rate making and taxation purposes. According to Mr. Martin, several instances could be set forth in the district where the company valuatino for purposes of taxation were as much as $100,000 more than the valuation established by the Public Service Commission for rate making purposes.

Towns and cities affected by the new rate schedule are Cape Girardeau, Illmo, Fornfelt, Ancell, Kelso, Chaffee, Oran, Morley, Marston, Benton, Blodgett, Bertrand, East Prairie, Anniston, Morehouse, Essex, Dexter, Bloomfield, Bernie, Parma, Lilbourn, Dudley, Fisk, Charleston and Sikeston.

SAFE BLOWERS WORK HARD BUT GET ONLY $1.56 IN RAIL DEPOT

A party of safe cracking burglars who Monday night or early Tuesday morning blew the I. C. Depot at Villa Ridge, Ill., are or should be, convinced that a depression is on.

It must have taken quite a bit of time to force a waiting room window, and then force through a door to the office. Time evidently was consumed, also, in drilling through the steel door, placing the "soup" and finally touching off the blast . . . The safe contained exactly $1.56 in money and two express packages.

Railroad detectives are checking up on possible loss of other items, including tickets and blanks.

W. C. T. U. HELD MEETING WEDNESDAY

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. J. H. Kready. Mrs. Amelia Smith was leader of the program and the subject was 'Alcohol and Athletics". A vocal solo, by Mrs. Jesse Hamby, piano solo, Miss Kathryn Clark and a vocal duet by Mrs. Hamby and Mrs. Vern Edwards, was also a part of the program.

After the program a short business session was held. A change was made in the meeting day, from the third Wednesday to the second Wednesday in each month. The meeting place for next month will be announced later.

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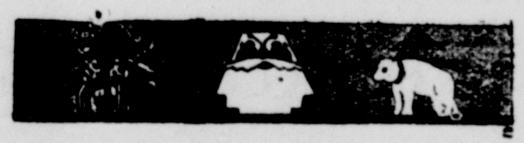


Happy, Smiling Faces Tell Us 'Tis Christmas Again

And we are sending this message to express the hope that your smiles will be caused by GENUINE pleasure. We hope it will be the MERRIEST CHRISTMAS you have ever experienced and that you will go out of the Yuletide holidays in a New Year of HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PLENTY.

We thank you for your business during 1932. We'll try harder than ever to please you during 1933 if you favor us with your patronage.

TYER'S GROCERY

If Winter Comes and the Winds Blow

You can depend upon our municipal light plant for continuous service, free from interruptions due to long transmission lines. Your plant, being in Sikeston, produces an even supply of current with regulated frequency so accurate that you can use an electric clock and be assured of correct Naval Observatory time. If you are being served by Sikeston's Power Plant, you are contributing to Sikeston's greatest asset, producing its greatest source of revenue outside of taxation.

See that your neighbor and merchant is on your lines—it's your plant.

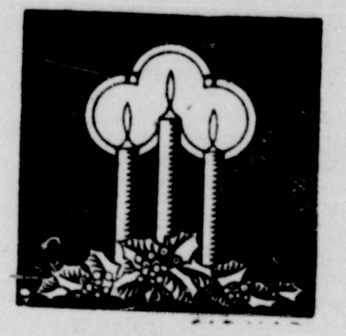
Board of Public Works

Attention, City Taxpayers!

Personal, Real Estate, Poll and Cemetery Taxes Are Now Due and Payable. You Have Only 8 More Days Until the Penalty Goes On

Do not wait until the end of the month for you may not be able to secure prompt service. Pay now and save yourself money and inconvenience. The Collector's office in the City Hall is open every week day from 8 a. m. till 6 p. m.

N. E. FUCHS, Mayor
ELMOS TAYLOR, Collector



May You Look For and See the Bright Side of Life

May the joy of this happy yuletide inspire you to continue as the days go by to look for the BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE and as you look for it WE HOPE you CAN SEE IT in all its genuine reality, bringing you those things you have longed for during the years past.

We want to thank each and every one for patronage, large or small and to kindly ask that you consider us for your need in our line during the coming year.

WOODS DAIRY

Our Christmas Wishes

If all our Christmas wishes for you were loaded on Santa's big sled the load would be so heavy that Dunder and Blitzen scarce could move.

So when we think of Santa's great big job, of visiting millions of homes, our Christmas wishes just come back down to the joyous old greeting—

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

JOHN G. POWELL
INSURANCE AGENCY

A & P's CHRISTMAS VALUES

MAY WE SUGGEST

IONA FLOUR

24 lb. Bag 3 for $1.00

48 Pound Bag 65c

PURE LARD	3 LBS.	19c
SEEDLESS RAISINS	4 LB. PKG.	29c
A GELATIN DESSERT JELL-O	3 PKGS.	23c
GINGER ALE CANADA DRY	2 BOTS.	23c
A. & P. Grape Juice	2 pts.	25c
ORANGE LEMON CITRON PEEL	LB.	29c
ASSORTED CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATES	5 LB. BOX	79c
NEW CROP MIXED NUTS	LB.	19c
PILLSBURY and GOLD MEDAL FLOUR	24-LB. BAG 55c	48-LB. BAG $1.09
IONA BRAND PEACHES	2 No. 2 1-2 cans	29c
"PURE GOLD" BRAND CALIFORNIA NAVEL ORANGES	DOZ.	25c
EATMOR BRAND CRANBERRIES	2 LBS.	10c
CALIFORNIA CELERY	LARGE STALK	25c
Grape Fruit	5 for	25c

Special Meat Values

Smoked Bacon, Sugar Cured	lb.	10c
Hams, Skinned, Sugar Cured	lb.	11c
Salt Side Meat	lb.	7½c
Link Pork Sausage, its pure	lb.	10c
Beef Steak, juicy and tender	lb.	15c
Pork Hams, whole	lb.	9c
Beef Roast	lb.	13c
Dressed Hens Young and Fat	lb.	15c
Fresh Oysters	Pint	23c

A&P Food Stores

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO. Middle Western Division

The Best Christmas Ever

Who sighs with sentimental memories of the merry Christmas of long ago? Who likes to dream of the old coach, crowded inside and out, rumbling over the roads, carrying weary travelers home for Christmas?

Well . . we must confess that we do. But in spite of memories that time has mellowed, we're far from wishing such Christmases back. We can well remember them. Very few people were fortunate enough, in those early days, to have a goose or a turkey for Christmas; and the majority were lucky, indeed, if they could get even a good piece of beef.

This Christmas would be much merrier if young people only realized that, in spite of present-day difficulties, times are much, much pleasanter than they were in the "good old days". May you have the best Christmas ever.

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.